



Pennsylvania Senate Bill 300

Summary: Pennsylvania Senate Bill 300, sponsored by Senator John Eichelberger, is a back-door attempt to “defund” Planned Parenthood by way of prohibiting reimbursements for contraception for low-income Pennsylvanians who choose Planned Parenthood as their healthcare provider.

- SB300 seeks to amend the Pennsylvania fiscal code so that federal and state family planning funds are prohibited from reimbursing healthcare facilities that also provide safe, legal abortion care. In other words, it is a back-door way to attack Planned Parenthood.
- In Pennsylvania, 90,000 women, men and young people rely on Planned Parenthood for affordable healthcare every year.
- SB300 will reduce access to contraception. Multiple studies show there are not enough healthcare facilities in Pennsylvania providing preventative reproductive healthcare to absorb Planned Parenthood’s patients.
- Approximately half of all pregnancies in Pennsylvania are unintended. Access to contraception and comprehensive sex education reduce unintended pregnancy rates.
- Publicly funded family planning centers in Pennsylvania helped avert 52,800 unintended pregnancies in 2014, which would have resulted in 25,700 unplanned births and 19,000 abortions, according to the Guttmacher Institute.
- In three Pennsylvania counties, Planned Parenthood is the only subsidized family planning provider, so the idea that the patients can be sent somewhere else is both ludicrous and dangerous.
- SB300 is part of the Trump agenda. It was proposed in the wake of the passage of federal legislation allowing states to deny family planning funds to Planned Parenthood.

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