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President Obama Signs Fiscal Year 2015 Spending Bill Into Law
A Statement From The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy

(Washington, DC)—Yesterday, President Obama signed into law H.R. 83, a bipartisan spending bill that funds most of the federal government, including Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education programs, for the remainder of Fiscal Year (FY) 2015.

Specifically, the bill provides the following funding levels:

- Title X Family Planning Program = \$286.5 million (level funding from FY 14)
- Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program (TPPP) = \$101 million (level funding)
- TPPP Evaluation = \$6.8 million (slightly less than the \$8.5 million from FY 14, but equal to the President's request for FY 15)
- Division of Adolescent and School Health (DASH) = \$31 million (level funding)
- Competitive Abstinence Education Program = \$5 million (level funding)
- Maternal and Infant Health Block Grant = \$637 million (\$3 million increase over FY 14 level)

As part of the high-level negotiations to craft a bipartisan deal, the bill also includes a new provision or “rider” that makes unclaimed FY 2015 money from the mandatory Title V State Abstinence Education Program (roughly \$12 million from the 14 states and DC that do not take this funding) available for states that are already taking the funds provided they require the implementation of all eight points of the federal definition of Abstinence Education. Note: The evidence-based Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP) is not in this bill because it has already been extended at \$75 million for FY 2015.

“At a time when fiscal pressures are high and bipartisan solutions have been more difficult to come by, we appreciate the commitment this bill makes to maintaining funding for proven programs like the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program and the Title X Family Planning Program,” said Sarah Brown, CEO of The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy. “However, we are concerned that the new rider, with its rigid requirement for the use of abstinence funds, could limit state flexibility to offer evidence-based abstinence programs. This elevates content over results and is at

odds with the growing bipartisan commitment to evidence-based policymaking. Seventy-two percent of adults believe that teen pregnancy prevention programs that are federally funded should primarily support those programs that have been proven to change behavior. The National Campaign encourages policymakers to focus investments on evidence-based approaches—including programs like TPPP and PREP—that ensure federal dollars are spent most effectively.”

About The National Campaign. The National Campaign is a private, non-profit organization that seeks to improve the lives and future prospects of children and families by preventing teen and unplanned pregnancy. Please visit www.TheNationalCampaign.org to find out more.