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**Congress Passes Bill That Includes Two Year Extension of Funding for The  
Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP)**  
**A Statement from The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned  
Pregnancy**

(Washington, DC)—On April 14, the Senate approved H.R. 2, “The Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015,” by a vote of 92-8. The bill, which previously passed the House by a vote of 392-37, extends several programs that help prevent teen and unplanned pregnancy. Specifically, the bill:

- Extends the Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP) through Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 at its current annual funding level of \$75 million.
- Extends the Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting program (MIECHV) at its current annual level of \$400 million through FY 2017.
- Provides \$3.6 billion in annual funding for Community Health Centers for FY 2016 and FY 2017.

The bill also extends the Title V State Abstinence Education Grant Program through FY 2017, raising the annual funding level from \$50 million to \$75 million and continuing a provision allowing unclaimed funds to be redirected to states currently taking the money with the proviso that they use that funding for a strict definition of abstinence-only education.

“Thanks to the House and Senate for their bipartisan efforts that will provide ongoing funding for programs that reduce teen and unplanned pregnancy,” said Sarah Brown, CEO of The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy. “As with most bills that receive such broad support, we recognize that this legislation represents compromises. We are encouraged that these compromises reflect a continued commitment to several evidence-based programs, particularly PREP and the Home Visiting Program. Funding programs that are proven to reduce teen and unplanned pregnancy is smart public policy. It saves taxpayers billions of dollars every year, improves educational attainment, contributes to our economic competitiveness, improves the wellbeing of children and families, and reduces abortion as well.”

**About The National Campaign.** The National Campaign is a private, nonprofit 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](http://www.TheNationalCampaign.org) to find out more.