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**House Appropriations Subcommittee Releases Draft Bill That Eliminates Programs Proven to Reduce Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy
A Statement From The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy**

(Washington, DC)—Today the House Appropriations Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Subcommittee released its draft FY 2016 spending bill, which eliminates critical programs proven to reduce teen and unplanned pregnancy, reduce abortion, and save tax dollars. Specifically, the House bill:

- Eliminates all \$101 million in funding for the evidence-based Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program (TPPP), which supports programs that have been rigorously evaluated and proven to change behavior. With its strong commitment to funding programs that work, evaluation, and innovation, TPPP has been widely recognized as the gold standard of evidence-based policymaking. Instead the bill provides \$10 million for “age appropriate” teen pregnancy prevention programs and \$10 million for “sexual risk avoidance” programs, defined as “refraining from non-marital sexual activity.” Although the funding for “sexual risk avoidance” does reference evidence, the criteria used to demonstrate effectiveness are far less rigorous than those in the eliminated TPPP program.
- Eliminates all \$286 million in funding for the Title X Family Planning Program that provides millions of low income women and men with contraception.
- Includes broad language allowing insurers (including student health plans) and employers to not cover any service for which they have a religious or moral objection. This could result in an unknown number of women losing contraceptive coverage.

“The National Campaign is deeply disappointed that the House draft bill completely eliminates funding for two critical programs that work to reduce teen and unplanned pregnancy” said Sarah Brown, CEO of The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy. “At a time when both the public and lawmakers stress the importance of funding what works and on saving money, these cuts go in exactly the opposite direction. Eliminating these programs would be devastating for families and communities nationwide. We strongly urge members of the House and Senate to restore

funding for TPPP and Title X. Maintaining funding for these programs is a cost-effective way to improve our nation's health, strengthen education and workforce competitiveness, reduce taxpayer costs, and reduce abortion.”

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 to find out more.