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Congress Releases Proposed FY 2016 Omnibus Spending Bill
A Statement From The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy

(Washington, DC)—On December 16, 2015 Congress released a proposed omnibus appropriations bill that would fund the federal government through the remainder of Fiscal Year (FY) 2016. The House and Senate expect to vote on the bill in the next few days. The legislation would maintain funding for programs critical to reducing teen and unplanned pregnancy. Specifically, the bill includes:

- \$101 million for the evidence-based Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program (TPPP), consistent with the FY 2015 funding level.
- \$6.8 million for evaluation of teen pregnancy prevention approaches, consistent with the FY 2015 funding level.
- \$286.5 million for the Title X Family Planning Program, consistent with the FY 2015 level.
- \$33.1 million for the Division of Adolescent and School Health (DASH), an increase of \$2 million over the FY 2015 level.
- \$638.2 million for the Maternal and Child Health Block Grant, an increase of \$1.2 million over the FY 2015 level.

The bill would also provide \$10 million for competitive abstinence education (now called Sexual Risk Avoidance), which is double the FY 2015 level of \$5 million.

“We commend Congress for this bipartisan agreement that recognizes the value of proven programs like the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program and the Title X Family Planning Program” said Ginny Ehrlich, CEO of The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy. “Teen childbearing has declined 29 percent since the TPPP began in 2010, which is about twice the decline in any other four-year period.

Even so, roughly one in four girls in this country become pregnant before the age of 20, and great disparities in pregnancy and birth rates remain. In short, there’s still more work to do. The funding in this bill is essential to continuing the historic progress the nation has made in preventing too-early pregnancy and parenthood. Continuing to reduce teen and unplanned pregnancy will contribute to improving educational attainment, better maternal and infant health, strengthening the workforce, reducing abortion and saving tax dollars.”

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.