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The National Campaign Commends Congress for Bi-partisan Bill to Fund Federal Government

Bi-partisan bill provides ongoing funding to programs critical to preventing unplanned pregnancy

(Washington, DC)—The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy applauds the bi-partisan passage of legislation providing funding for the federal government for the remainder of Fiscal Year (FY) 2017—ensuring that programs important to preventing teen and unplanned pregnancy remain funded. The Teen Pregnancy Prevention (TPP) Program and Title X Family Planning Program will remain funded at their current levels of \$101 million and \$286.5 million respectively, through September 30, 2017.

“We are so pleased that these vital programs that work to reduce our nation’s rates of unplanned pregnancy will continue to be funded with bi-partisan support for Fiscal Year 2017,” said Ginny Ehrlich, CEO of The National Campaign. “As the focus turns to the Fiscal 2018 budget, we urge Congress to maintain full funding for the TPP Program and Title X for the long term.

“Independent experts have praised the TPP Program as a high quality example of evidence-based policymaking and we’ve seen dramatic declines in childbearing since the program began,” Ehrlich added. “However, despite these declines nearly one in four teen girls will get pregnant before age 20, and the progress is uneven among teens living in poverty and young women of color.

“The Title X Family Planning Program is also vital and must be maintained to avoid exacerbating existing gaps in contraceptive access,” Ehrlich stated. Recent [research](#) conducted by The National Campaign shows that already nearly 20 million American women live in contraceptive deserts—defined by their lack of reasonable access to public health care sites offering the full range of contraceptive methods.

Recent [polling](#) from The National Campaign shows strong support for the TPP Program and Title X. Seventy-five percent of adults (including 66% of Republicans and 84% of Democrats) favor continuing the Title X program. Eighty-five percent of adults (including 75% of Republicans and 89% of Democrats) support maintaining federal funding for the TPP Program. In fact, nearly 200 national, state, and local groups have [signed a letter supporting continued funding for the TPP Program](#).

“The TPP Program and the Title X program help millions of young women have the power to decide if, when, and under what circumstances to become pregnant,” Ehrlich said. “In doing so, they promote greater opportunities for all young people while reducing public spending, disparities, and abortion—all goals with bi-partisan support. Thus, we urge Congress to maintain this forward course.”

About The National Campaign: The National Campaign is a private, non-partisan, non-profit organization that seeks to improve the lives and future prospects of children and families by preventing teen and unplanned pregnancy. Please visit us at www.TheNationalCampaign.org or follow along on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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