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THE NATIONAL CAMPAIGN COMMENDS BI-PARTISAN SENATE ACTION PROTECTING KEY UNPLANNED PREGNANCY PREVENTION PROGRAMS

Bill protects funding and structure of the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program and the Title X Family Planning Program

(Washington, DC)—The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy (The National Campaign) commends the U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee’s passage today of the FY 2018 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education (LHHS) Appropriations bill. The bill, which passed by a bi-partisan vote of 29 to 2, would provide funding for vital programs that provide young people with the education and resources they need to decide if, when, and under what circumstances to get pregnant.

The bill includes language that would ensure that both the Teen Pregnancy Prevention (TPP) Program and the Title X Family Planning Program must be administered as they were during FY 2016.

“We’re extremely pleased that the Senate bill—supported by Democrats and Republicans—recognizes the critical role that the TPP Program and Title X play in helping to reduce unplanned pregnancy in our nation,” said Ginny Ehrlich, CEO, The National Campaign. “Given [the recent shortening of existing TPP Program grants](#) by HHS, the Senate language is a powerful bi-partisan endorsement of continuing the current funding and approach in this gold-standard evidence-based program.”

Specifically, the Senate bill would:

- Provide level funding for the evidence-based Teen Pregnancy Prevention (TPP) Program, at \$101 million.
- Provide level funding at \$6.8 million for evaluation of teen pregnancy prevention programs.
- Provide level funding for the Title X Family Planning Program at \$286.5 million.
- Provide \$25 million for “Sexual Risk Avoidance” education (otherwise known as abstinence education), \$10 million more than the current funding level.

Nationally representative [polling](#) from The National Campaign shows strong bi-partisan support for these programs with 85% of adults supporting continued funding for the TPP Program and 75% supporting Title X.

“Investing in evidence-based teen pregnancy prevention through the TPP program and access to high quality contraception through Title X helps to save tax dollars and reduce unplanned pregnancies and abortions, which also enables greater educational and economic opportunities for all young people in our nation,” Ehrlich said. “We hope that Congress and the Administration will follow the lead of the Senate Appropriations Committee and work together to preserve these programs that are vital to some of our most vulnerable young people.”

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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