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**FROM: Steven Hernández, executive director**

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**RE: Proposals to Defund Planned Parenthood**

“Planned Parenthood is the nation’s leading provider of healthcare for women – here in Connecticut alone, more than 60,000 people use one of Planned Parenthood’s 17 centers annually, where in addition to reproductive healthcare, they are provided such critical services as cervical cancer screenings.

“Current proposals to defund Planned Parenthood would be devastating to Connecticut women and families. Planned Parenthood serves people -- including men – regardless of their economic status, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, or religious or political affiliation. They are a time-honored, well respected and professional organization that abides by the law and serves thousands of families in our state. We cannot permit any federal initiative to derail our commitment to the healthcare of our residents.”