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Is Planned Parenthood a Wise Investment?

Dear President Bush,

We are writing you because of a lingering issue that has undermined your Administration's consistent commitment to ensure that federal funds deployed for family planning projects not be used to promote abortion as a method of family planning.

For seven years the Clinton-era regulations governing Title X family planning services have continued. One thing that most Americans can agree upon is that abortion is not a form of family planning. Yet, these Title X funds continue to be used by abortion providers such as Planned Parenthood to promote abortion despite the plain statutory provision from 1970 banning such use.

Regulatory changes promulgated under President Reagan clarified the law that Title X recipients may not refer for abortion or combine family planning services with abortion services. These regulations were defended by President George H.W. Bush and upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court in *Rust v. Sullivan* (500 U.S. 173) in 1991. Unfortunately, by the time they were being enforced, President Clinton took office and rescinded these pro-life regulations. He then implemented statutorily unsupported regulations that require recipients of Title X funding to refer for abortion. Moreover, these regulations allow the collocation of abortion clinics with their affiliated Title X family planning clinics - in some cases utilizing the same waiting rooms, staff and facilities. More than a minimal economic separation between abortion providers and family planning clinics is warranted.

We respectfully ask that you make the necessary changes to the Title X regulations to prevent U.S. taxpayer funds from being used to promote and facilitate abortion. Collocation of family planning and abortion facilities sends the wrong message, defies Congressional intent, and should not be allowed. Mandatory abortion referral policies cannot be squared with the intent of this program to reduce and not to promote abortion. Changes to the Title X regulations are still possible. We ask you to make the much-needed changes to ensure that federally supported family planning services are separated from abortion services.

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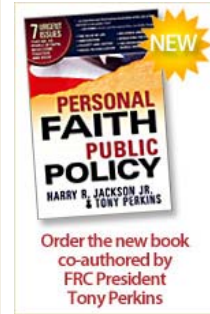
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