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Dear Commissioners

This letter is for Suzy Foss , Fred Burrows, Ron Stoltz.
Tonight as I read the Missoulian on line to my surprise there is an article stating the funding for title x has been rejected by ravalli county commissioners. I was stunned and thought this was something in the past. It was very upsetting to realize this funding had been revoked and without public comment.

It is a travesty that all of you would vote against title x funding. As a society it is our duty to provide affordable care for woman so each person can receive necessary tests to determine cancer and to prevent it. Woman have the right to receive birth control at reduced rates and to get treatment for sexually transmitted diseases, which in turn then will not be spread to the rest of the population. This kind of funding benefits the whole society.

I am lucky enough to have health insurance that provides all of these services at an affordable rate, not everyone has this. Why you would reject \$50,000 because of your biased social and religious views? It is simple unfair to the community and is just not right. You have a duty as Commissioners to represent all factions. You cannot put your seeming " morality " on others when it interferes in their quality of daily life and the longevity of their lives. It is just simply wrong. This is the underprivileged that you are affecting.

The issue you have that minors can receive care without parental notification seems antiquated. Do you think by not funding this program you are preventing teens from having sex? And then without this program they will confide in their parents? This is not reality and an uneducated way of looking at this. Not funding title X hurts the many woman that need these services.

This vote is an embarrassment to our community and to our state. That fact that you cannot see the larger picture and protect the rights of woman and the health of all of us is backwards, selfish and hurts everyone. We must provide for and take care of people that are not as fortunate.

It is my fervent hope that you will reconsider this vote and do what is in the best interest of everyone, which is to accept the funding for this program, peoples health are dependent on it.

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