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Commissioners

I am appalled and outraged about the decision by Commissioners Foss, Stoltz and Burrows to refuse Title X funding for the Health Department

It is my understanding that 400 individuals will be impacted by your decision. This includes women who have abnormal pap smears and those with breast masses. If any one of these women goes on to develop breast or cervical cancer they could likely sue the county for negligence. That could spell disaster for the county coffers.

Additionally those who are worried about a sexually transmitted disease will have no recourse but to present to the ED for evaluation and treatment; another costly situation..

And of course those that are in need of family planning services will be left out.

You may not be aware of the vast numbers of youth that are sexually assaulted by those they love including fathers, uncles and cousins. I can state in no uncertain terms that that leads to chronic health problems.

On a weekly if not daily basis I meet adults who have suffered from incest and suffer from mental illness as a result.

I certainly hope you reconsider and change your status in favor of accepting Title X funds. It is the right and moral thing to do, something all Christians I think would be in favor of.

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