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**From:** Lindsay Huls [lindsay.huls@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 15, 2013 10:23 AM  
**To:** Ravalli County Commissioners  
**Subject:** Family Planning Services Funding

Ravalli County Commissioners,

I am writing to voice my disappointment in the refusal of Title X family planning funds. I was born and raised in Ravalli County. I went to college and am now honored to return as a health care professional to work in the community I grew up in. During my college years I relied on Planned Parenthood for reduced prices for services such as annual exams, birth control and preventative medicine.

Over 400 women across the Bitterroot Valley rely on these services through the county health department. Where will these women turn? Health care is expensive and it is not easy to access for low income families. They turn to ER services as their sole form of health care. They wait until their health conditions are an emergency or life threatening. This ultimately costs them (and the community) much more than if simple preventative measures were taken early on.

Please reconsider your decision. It is your job to serve the people of Ravalli County and by refusing these services you are turning away from women in need.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Lindsay Huls  
Physical Therapist and native Bitterrooter