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**From:** Amy Monteith [monteithamy@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 16, 2013 2:03 PM  
**To:** Ravalli County Commissioners  
**Subject:** accept title X funding

Dear Commissioners Stoltz, Foss and Burrows,

I would like to ask you to reconsider accepting Title X funds for the clinic in Ravalli County that provides women's and men's health services.

Title X funds were first appropriated for this purpose under the presidency of Richard Nixon. He reasoned that if poor women had more access to birth control and prenatal care, that fewer babies would be born to families who couldn't afford them, and that the ones that were born would be more healthy. Both situations are desirable not only on a humanitarian level, but on a fiscal level as well.

**Over 400 women and men across the Bitterroot rely on this Title X funding to get access to primary and reproductive health care including: breast and cervical cancer screenings, contraceptives, STD screening and treatment, and much more.**

The Title X funds have already been appropriated at the federal level, so accepting this money has no impact on our taxes in Ravalli County. This money costs us nothing and provides services for 400 families who cannot afford help care otherwise.

Please accept this funding for our families in the Bitterroot Valley.

Thank you,  
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