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**From:** Jenny West [jennywest30@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 16, 2013 11:59 AM  
**To:** Ravalli County Commissioners  
**Subject:** Title X funding

Dear Commissioners,

First of all, I want to thank Greg and JR for voting for the Title X funding. Secondly, I am writing to express my support for the Title X funding and I hope that the other 3 commissioners will reconsider. This funding is far more than just under age teens not telling their parents about health issues! In 2010, family planning services and supplies provided to low income women in Montana through Title X were estimated to prevent 6,000 pregnancies which would have resulted in approximately 2,000 abortions.

The teen pregnancy rate in Montana would be 88% higher without Title X funded clinics or service. It is estimated that Title X funds and the better outcomes they support saved Montana tax payers 26.3 million dollars in 2010. This funding services over 400 families in Ravalli County. Are you going to send all these families to Missoula now? I overheard on the news that we would be the only county in the state not to have this funding. I am embarrassed by our commissioners decisions!! You guys need to get a clue. It is federal money that is here for the greater good for us!!

Thank you,

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