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**From:** Robert Prince [robertwaprince@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 17, 2013 9:06 AM  
**To:** Ravalli County Commissioners  
**Subject:** Title X Funding Decision

Ravalli County Commissioners,

I would like to express my dismay and concern that the commission decided to reject Title X funding and as you already know, this will result in the closure of the county's family planning clinic. I fear this decision will have severe consequences for women, children, and families in need across our county.

I hope that all commissioners would be able to put aside their religious and political ideologies and be able to think objectively regarding this issue. It is my hope that you would consider all of the invaluable services the clinic provides and reconsider your decision to reject funding. The clinic's services such as pap testing, STI treatment, exams, and birth control (to name a few) are vital, and many low income citizens (in which their are many in Ravalli county) depend on these services.

It is my sincere wish that the commissioners in opposition to accepting the funding would consider the long-term health implications at stake by not accepting the funds. I understand and respect that your religious and political beliefs may lead you to have misgivings regarding some of the services provided by the clinic. However, in this case, I think it important not to let personal feelings influence political decisions. Please, don't put the safety and health of women, children, and families in jeopardy. Reconsider your vote and accept the Title X funding.

Sincerely,

Robert Prince  
Stevensville, MT