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The President  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We thank you for your attention to advancing pro-life issues since taking office, including giving our states the freedom to direct the spending of our Title X family planning dollars to entities that match our states' needs and values.

Today, we are writing to urge you to give our states similar flexibility in our Medicaid programs. Medicaid is the largest taxpayer funding stream for the nation's largest abortion provider, Planned Parenthood. In fact, according to research by the Charlotte Lozier Institute, Planned Parenthood commands 35% of the abortion market.

In the wake of yet another state (South Carolina) seeking the same flexibility with Medicaid dollars, combined with the recent ruling in the 8<sup>th</sup> Circuit US Court of Appeals approving Arkansas' decision not to fund abortion providers in their Medicaid program, it is essential that your administration respond quickly. It is time to remove the administrative barrier to our states' right to direct dollars away from abortion providers: Medicaid guidance issued by the Obama administration.<sup>i</sup>

We are a coalition of almost two hundred pro-life women lawmakers in forty-three states and at the federal level. We are devoted to measures that enhance the well-being of women and show respect for the intrinsic value of every human life in our states. We have invited other lawmakers to join us on this letter; indeed, many of us have gone as far as we can to 'defund' abortion providers with the tools we have. Now we seek your help to unlock this massive barrier to state discretion.

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We write to ask you to direct the Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to rescind the interpretation that states must reimburse abortion providers and, instead, issue guidance giving us the flexibility to set reasonable standards that are in the best interests of our respective Medicaid programs and the patients they serve.

The prior administration's attempt to force our states to fund the abortion industry must be reversed, and we must be allowed to spend these millions of dollars in a manner that is consistent with standards that are in the best interest of women's health and safety.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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<sup>i</sup> <https://www.medicaid.gov/federal-policy-guidance/downloads/smd16005.pdf>