

Dear committee,

My name is Leslie Matos and I am writing to express my opposition to taxpayer dollars going to support elective procedures, specifically abortion at Planned Parenthood. Abortion is not a women's health issue and it's not something that the government should be sponsoring. Instead of using taxpayer dollars against our youth (the youngest of them all actually) we should be using it to support them. This includes putting money into our to improve our education system, among many other more worthwhile causes for this money. For people who choose to have an abortion, they should be required to pay for it themselves. It's bad enough that our government allows the mass murder of children in the womb. We shouldn't also have to pay for it. Setting aside the disregard of government for the sanctity of life, I believe that the least the government can do is make sure that taxpayer dollars are not going to these controversial moral issues; remember these are dollars of pro-life citizens also being used. Also, Planned Parenthood does not need your money because they have made an industry out of abortion since their existence and have had no issue running their business without Title X dollars. There are many other worthwhile causes that these taxpayer dollars should go to. I oppose the governor's petition to use money in this way. It is not fair to the constituents that put him in office, who are pro life. It is not fair to the constituents who put him in office who are pro-choice and believe in other causes they deserve the money instead. It is a poor use of funds and I highly urge you to reconsider how you spend the money you've been entrusted with by your constituents.

Best regards,  
Leslie