

115TH CONGRESS
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S. 241

To prohibit Federal funding of Planned Parenthood Federation of America.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 30, 2017

Mrs. ERNST (for herself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. PAUL, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. MORAN, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. DAINES, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. SASSE, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. LEE, Mr. RISCH, Mr. WICKER, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. CORKER, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. GRAHAM) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

A BILL

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Federation of America.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Protect Funding for
5 Women’s Health Care Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds as follows:

1 (1) State and county health departments, com-
2 munity health centers, hospitals, physicians offices,
3 and other entities currently provide, and will con-
4 tinue to provide, health services to women. Such
5 health services include relevant diagnostic laboratory
6 and radiology services, well-child care, prenatal and
7 postpartum care, immunization, family planning
8 services including contraception, sexually trans-
9 mitted disease testing, cervical and breast cancer
10 screenings, and referrals.

11 (2) Many such entities provide services to all
12 persons, regardless of the person's ability to pay,
13 and provide services in medically underserved areas
14 and to medically underserved populations.

15 (3) All funds no longer available to Planned
16 Parenthood will continue to be made available to
17 other eligible entities to provide women's health care
18 services.

19 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
21 sion of law, no Federal funds may be made available to
22 Planned Parenthood Federation of America, or to any of
23 its affiliates, subsidiaries, successors, or clinics.

24 (b) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this Act
25 shall be construed to—

- 1 (1) affect any limitation contained in an appro-
- 2 priations Act relating to abortion; or
- 3 (2) reduce overall Federal funding available in
- 4 support of women's health.

