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FAMILY PLANNING FUNDING IN DANGER!**

Texas Legislators Want to Cut Family Planning Funding: State Senator Bob Duell (R-Greenville) has proposed a revision to a state budget amendment that would divert millions of federal family planning dollars away from a number of women's health clinics in Texas - including Planned Parenthood which used the \$3.7 million received in state funds in 2008 to see more than 26,000 patients.

Federal family planning funding is vital to clinics providing basic, preventive services to thousands of low-income women in Texas each year. There is no other health care provider in Texas with the capacity to serve these patients if they can no longer access services through their local Planned Parenthood clinic. Under federal law, none of these clinics can use these funds to provide abortions, yet Texas lawmakers are playing politics with women's health care.

THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE IS CONSIDERING ADDING THE DUELL/WILLIAMS BUDGET RIDER **TOMORROW FRIDAY MARCH 20.**

IF YOUR SENATOR IS A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE (see below), PLEASE CONTACT HER/HIM WITH THIS MESSAGE:

- **Oppose the Deuell/Williams rider to the state budget. Federal family planning funding helps clinics provide basic, preventive services to thousands of low-income women in Texas each year. Under federal law, none of these clinics can use these funds to perform abortions.**

Senate Committee on Finance:

- Sen. Steve Ogden, Chair
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