

SENATE FINANCE & CLAIMS

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Dear Law Makers,

I am writing in regards to the decision that was made last week in regards to Family Planning. Those funds are extremely important in this state. They are used for breast cancer screening, cervical cancer screening, pelvic scans among many other very important services that women need.

With the sad economic situation in this country many women who have lost their jobs along with their health insurance benefits rely on their local health departments for their yearly physicals and contraceptives.

Without these funds you can expect the number of HIV-AIDS and other STD's to drastically increase. You can expect many back alley abortions, abandoned or unwanted babies in dumpsters. I just cannot understand the logic behind a decision like this. You may think you are saving the state of Montana money, but the consequences from a decision like this one is going to cost the state greatly. This is a health issue, not just a birth control issue.

Thank you,

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