



STATE OF MINNESOTA

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March 30, 2016

The Honorable Kurt Daudt
Speaker of the House
State Office Building, Room 463
100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear Mr. Speaker:

If House File 3374 or language similar to it comes to my desk, I will veto the legislation.

This bill is a blatant attack on Planned Parenthood and would undermine women's access to health care across our state. The bill prohibits entities that provide abortion services from receiving state or federal family planning funding, despite the fact that these dollars are not used for abortions. The bill would result in reduced access to health care for over 45,000 low-income Minnesota women, including birth control and preventive health care services like breast cancer screenings. This volume of patients and services cannot be absorbed by other health care providers without major disruption to the women who rely on Planned Parenthood clinics, especially in Greater Minnesota.

We are almost four weeks through a ten week legislative session and should focus our efforts on policies that improve, not undermine, the well-being of women and families, such as home visiting and access to affordable child care. Women across Minnesota rely on Planned Parenthood clinics to receive safe and affordable health care. I will not approve any bill that undercuts these critical services in Minnesota.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Dayton".

Mark Dayton
Governor

cc: Representative Matt Dean
Representative Tara Mack
Representative Kathy Lohmer
Representative Tina Liebling
Representative Diane Loeffler