



the campaign to prevent unplanned pregnancy

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POWER TO DECIDE URGES CONGRESS TO SUPPORT BIPARTISAN SPENDING BILL THAT FUNDS PROGRAMS TO HELP YOUNG PEOPLE PLAN THEIR FUTURES

(Washington, D.C.) — Last night, Congressional leadership released a bipartisan spending bill that includes, among other funding, full FY 2019 appropriations for Labor, Health and Human Services and Education (LHHS) and Defense. Specifically, the bill includes \$101 million in funding for the evidence-based Teen Pregnancy Prevention (TPP) Program, and \$286.5 million for the Title X Family Planning Program for FY 2019. The Senate and the U.S. of Representatives are expected to vote on the bill in the next couple of weeks.

In response, Ginny Ehrlich, Power to Decide, CEO issued the following statement:

“We commend the members of Congress who worked hard to negotiate a spending package that maintains strong investments in the TPP Program and Title X. This bill represents an important bipartisan achievement. By providing a complete year of funding for programs that help young people to get the sexual health information and access to contraception they need, members of Congress recognize the critical role this plays in the lives of youth. We urge all members of Congress to support the bipartisan bill that will help ensure that all young people have the power to decide if, when, and under what circumstances to get pregnant.”

Power to Decide is a private, non-partisan, non-profit organization that works to ensure all people—no matter who they are, where they live, or what their economic status might be—have the power to decide if, when, and under what circumstances to get pregnant. Please visit us at www.PowerToDecide.org or follow us on Facebook and Twitter.