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Governor Walker:

House Speaker Paul Ryan is moving rapidly to dismantle the Affordable Care Act while denying Medicaid patients the ability to access critical health care at Planned Parenthood community based health centers. This move will throw Wisconsin women's access to health care into chaos, leaving many Wisconsinites with no provider and no access to the health care they need. It is more important than ever that you reinstate the critical family planning funds you have taken from Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin (PPWI) over the past six years.

Due to defunding measures, PPWI has been forced to close five rural health centers in Shawano, Johnson Creek, Chippewa Falls, Fond du Lac, and Beaver Dam that provided cervical and breast cancer screening, access to birth control, and testing and treatment for sexually transmitted diseases to thousands of Wisconsin women. Despite reassurance from yourself and Republican legislators, *no provider has stepped in to fill the void*. Community members are speaking out, in Chippewa Falls and Johnson Creek. The same will be true across Wisconsin should Speaker Ryan successfully ban Planned Parenthood from serving Medicaid patients.

There are huge gaps in the safety net. And make no mistake – women will die as a result. Your choices have made it dangerous and deadly to be a woman living in Wisconsin.

Do not continue to substitute your judgement for the judgement of Wisconsin women in making the most personal, intimate decisions about their lives. There is a reason 60,000 patients trust PPWI with their health care – They actually provide high quality, affordable services. Wisconsin women have just as much of a right to quality, affordable health care as you do and they have the right to choose Planned Parenthood as their provider.

I look forward to working with you to reinstate funding for PPWI and ensure that the women of Wisconsin have the same opportunity to choose which doctor they see that you do.

Sincerely,

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