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The Honorable Harry Reid
United States Senate

Dear Senator Reid:

We applaud your principled speech this morning refusing to trade away women's access to healthcare under Title X in exchange for a budget agreement. Riders to this effect have no part in the budget. Millions of women and girls around the country, ourselves and our members among them, have relied upon federally funded health care providers for basic services. Mothers in particular must be able to keep themselves healthy, because families, neighborhoods and communities depend so much upon us. Further, our contribution to this nation's economic welfare cannot be overstated. Like you, we too are outraged, appalled and deeply offended and the interjection of women's healthcare into the budget debate.

We thank you and continue to rely upon your leadership to preserve Title X funding and the women's continued access to routine and necessary healthcare services.

Yours sincerely,



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