



LEGISLATIVE ALERT

Stop Attempt to Strip Title X Funding from Non-Profit Health Care Clinics: Oppose [SB470/HB1756](#)

What SB470/HB1756 do: SB470, sponsored by Senator Jack Johnson, and HB1756, sponsored by Representative Joey Hensley, would take away Title X federal funding from Planned Parenthood clinics in Tennessee. Title X funding is a federal program that provides funding for comprehensive family planning services for poor and limited income women and men in Tennessee. The funding is used to provide other health care services, such as pap smears, sexually transmitted disease testing, cervical cancer screening and pregnancy testing. Title X funding cannot be used to fund abortion services.

ACLU-TN opposes SB1756/HB470 because:

- While we may not all feel the same way about abortion, we can agree to support a woman's health and well being, and ensure access to women's health care.
- HB1756/SB470 would eliminate Title X funding to non-profit health clinics that currently serve thousands of Tennessee men and women who live at or below the poverty line.
- The bill would only reduce women's access to affordable and convenient contraceptive services, STD testing and treatment, and cervical and breast cancer screening.
- If the legislature is serious about promoting women's health care and helping families, they should be promoting affordable healthcare and medical leave for working parents, not reducing Tennesseans' access to comprehensive family planning services.

WHAT YOU CAN DO: Call your state senator and state representative and tell them to vote NO on SB 1800/HB 0445. The easiest way to contact your legislators is to visit <http://www.capitol.tn.gov>, go to "Find My Legislator," put in your address and click "search."