

Reps. Kennedy, Warren, Liss, Smith, Valentine, Byrnes, Lipton, Miller, Roberts, Slavens, Donigan, Hammel, Barnett, Lisa Brown, Bauer, Robert Jones, Geiss, Gonzales, Haugh, Coulouris, Meadows, Leland, Stanley, Lemmons, Polidori and Cushingberry offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 120.

A resolution to memorialize the Congress of the United States to enact the Prevention First Act to increase access to birth control to prevent unintended pregnancies and reduce the need for abortions.

Whereas, Improving access to preventive health care and supporting healthy families should be a shared national goal. Increased government funding would ameliorate the problems of unintended pregnancies and high rates of sexually-transmitted disease, as well as the current insufficient levels of funds to address these crises; and

Whereas, The Prevention First campaign is a family planning initiative that expands access to preventive health care services and education programs to help reduce unintended pregnancy, prevent the spread of sexually transmitted infections, and support healthy families by improving women's health. Increasing funds to Title X clinics to provide family planning services should be a priority; and

Whereas, Private health plans should be required to cover FDA-approved prescription contraceptives and related medical services. The development and dissemination of information about and access to emergency contraception (EC) to the public should be a priority. Comprehensive, medically accurate sex education programs should be required that teach young people about abstinence, health, and contraceptives; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize the Congress of the United States to enact the Prevention First Act to prevent unintended pregnancies and reduce the need for abortion; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.