

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.57

Reps. Hope, Hammoud, Hood, Manoogian, Lasinski, Sowerby, Kennedy, Brixie and Garza offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to urge the President and the United States
2 Department of Health and Human Services to repeal the new rule
3 changing funding eligibility for the Title X family planning
4 program.

5 Whereas, The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
6 released a new rule rendering organizations ineligible for Title X
7 funding if they provide or refer patients for abortions, effective
8 May 3, 2019. First enacted in 1970, Title X of the Public Health
9 Service Act is the only federal grant program solely dedicated to
10 funding family planning and preventive health services for low-
11 income patients; and

12 Whereas, The new rule threatens access to fundamental medical



1 services for the 4 million low-income patients who rely on Title X-
2 funded organizations for their health care. The rule creates
3 barriers to the numerous health care services provided by these
4 organizations, including services that are completely unrelated to
5 abortion, such as screenings for breast and cervical cancer and
6 testing and treatment for sexually transmitted infections; and

7 Whereas, Michigan receives approximately \$7.4 million per year
8 in Title X funding; and

9 Whereas, 62,700 Michigan residents received Title X services
10 through local health departments or Planned Parenthood; and

11 Whereas, The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
12 (MDHHS), which oversees the Title X funds in the state, stated that
13 the new rule presents "challenges for all the providers in our
14 network"; and

15 Whereas, Nineteen leading medical and health care
16 organizations representing more than 4.3 million health care
17 providers, including the American College of Obstetricians and
18 Gynecologists and American College of Physicians, opposed the rule
19 change in a joint letter citing its disregard for evidence-based
20 medicine and the expertise of the scientific and medical community;
21 and

22 Whereas, The rule will cause irreversible harm to the
23 provider-patient relationship by requiring providers to omit
24 critical health care information thus undermining patient
25 confidence in their care; now, therefore, be it

26 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the
27 President and the United States Department of Health and Human
28 Services to repeal the new rule changing funding eligibility for
29 the Title X family planning program; and be it further



1 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
2 President of the United States and the Secretary of Health and
3 Human Services.

