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Advancement**

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Chairman Derickson, Vice Chair Ginter, Ranking member Howse, and distinguished members of the committee, thank you for allowing me to testify today on House Bill 294.

My name is Eric Williams, I am a Navy Combat Veteran. I had an appointment with the Veteran Administration (VA) for STD testing. They had to push that appointment back two weeks, so I went to Planned Parenthood. They saw me the very next day. It was so quick and easy. My insurance was accepted. I spent more time filling out the paperwork than in the appointment. That's how fast it was. And it was better than going to the VA. Period.

If I need another appointment that fast, I would definitely go back to Planned Parenthood. I had a low copay - cheaper than getting two burritos at Chipotle.

Planned Parenthood is so convenient, affordable and made getting healthcare easy.

Why would you take away something that benefits me and my health? I urge you to continue to provide funding to Planned Parenthood.