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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.

I have been coming to Planned Parenthood for over a year now. They are very friendly, and have quick service with minimum hassle. I have had trouble getting into other centers. Planned Parenthood saw me fast. They also are very informative staff and they provided free services like HIV testing and free condoms. I have CareSource and Planned Parenthood always gets in me in fast and treats me with respect. One time, I brought my little sister with me and PP provided her with condoms and education during our visit. The staff is always very helpful. I get an HIV test every time I go. The lady who does the tests is so smart and nice. The test only takes 15 minutes. So they do it and then by the time your appointment comes around, they have your result.

I rely on Planned Parenthood and would be hurt to see them go. Maybe I could go to a hospital if Planned Parenthood closed but I know they would not see me as fast and they would be too busy to answer my questions.

Just basically the fact they give family planning to young people is great. So many kids are scared and don't have parents to go to. Like my little sister, if she didn't have me, I don't know what she would have. There is so much out there- STIs, HIV, and pregnancy. We need keep those rates down and Planned Parenthood is the organization doing that in my community. Vote no on defunding Planned Parenthood. Thank you.