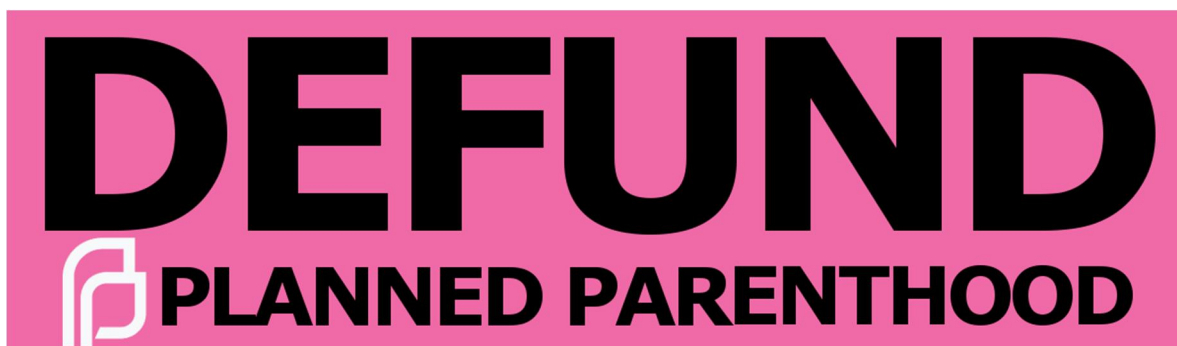


Ohio Judge Sides with Planned Parenthood on State Funding



Last week, Judge Michael Barrett, a federal judge in the Southern District of Ohio, blocked recent Ohio Legislation that partially defunded the 28 Ohio Planned Parenthood centers. House Bill 294 was passed in February 2016, which directed over 1.3 million dollars of taxpayer funds to the over 280 federally qualified health centers, health departments, and health providers who do not perform abortions.

Judge Barrett ruled that the legislation was unconstitutional and wrote in his ruling, that if not blocked, Planned Parenthood would "suffer a continuing irreparable injury for which there is no adequate remedy at law."

Dayton Right to Life Assistant Executive Director Margie Christie commented that "Planned Parenthood is hardly struggling for funding. They receive over \$500 million of federal funding through government grants and reimbursements through programs like Medicaid and Title X every year. For this unelected federal judge to overturn a State's decision on who will receive our tax dollars is simply unfathomable."

Representative Niraj Antani of the Ohio House District 42, commented, "The bill that defunded Planned Parenthood had hours of public testimony and debate. The Legislature decided this should be the public policy of Ohio, that we do not want taxpayer dollars going to such a vile organization such as Planned Parenthood."

Dan Tierney, a spokesman for Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine, said in a statement shortly after the decision, that the state would appeal the ruling.

Dayton Right to Life will continue to monitor this case and keep our supporters informed. We appreciate your continued financial support in our ongoing efforts to be the Voice for the Voiceless.