September 17, 2015

Dear Representative,

On behalf of the more than 170,000 bipartisan members and supporters, over 1,000 branches, and 800 college and university partners of the American Association of University Women (AAUW), I urge you to oppose H.R. 3134 and H.R. 3504 this week when they come up for a vote.

I urge you to oppose efforts to defund Planned Parenthood including H.R. 3134. Every year 2.7 million women and men rely on the wide range of health services the organization provides, including birth control, cervical cancer screenings, and STD testing and treatment. PPFA health centers are vital service providers in their communities, ensuring that the family planning needs for those on federally-funded health programs are met. For many low-income women and women of color, PPFA is their main health care provider. This bill is yet another politically motivated attack on women’s access to health services.

I also urge you to oppose the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act (H.R. 3504). The bill would make it more difficult for women to access health care. AAUW believes that all women should be able to make their own decisions with advice and support from those they trust the most. We know that women look to doctors, family members, and other trusted individuals, not politicians, to make important medical decisions about their health.

Cosponsorship and votes associated with this legislation may be scored in the AAUW Action Fund Congressional Voting Record for the 114th Congress. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 202/785-7720, or Anne Hedgepeth, government relations manager, at 202/785-7724 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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