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Governor John Kasich  
Riffe Building, 30<sup>th</sup> floor  
77 S. High St.  
Columbus, OH 43215

February 8, 2016

Dear Governor Kasich,

On behalf of the League of Women Voters of Ohio (LWVO), we urge you to veto House Bill 294 which would entirely defund Planned Parenthood.

Planned Parenthood has 28 health care clinics across Ohio, many in under-served communities, and is the primary source of health care for many Ohio women and young people, especially those with low incomes.

By a majority of 65%, Ohioans want Planned Parenthood to continue to be funded and provide critical health care services in our communities. Without Planned Parenthood, many of Ohio's women will go **without needed health care**. Columbus Public Health, among many other organizations, has concerns about how women's health needs are going to be met if Planned Parenthood is defunded.

Ohio women rely on Planned Parenthood for a comprehensive range of health care services, including:

- well-woman exams,
- breast and cervical cancer screenings,
- vaccinations, and
- birth control

As governor, you understood the need for Medicaid expansion, helping thousands of Ohioans get badly needed health insurance coverage. Now, please help the thousands of women in Ohio who need the health coverage provided them by Planned Parenthood. Please veto HB 294.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signatures of Mary Kirtz Van Nortwick and Alison Ricker in black ink.

Mary Kirtz Van Nortwick & Alison Ricker

Co-presidents, League of Women Voters of Ohio