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To: CareFirstReview (DISB)

Subject: Reduce Teen Pregnancy

To: The DC Department of Insurance, Securities, and Banking

Dear Commissioner Taylor,

Shortly before his sudden, untimely death, Jay Cooper, DC Campaign's policy director, galvanized support for the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Fund Establishment Act of 2014 which allocated \$2 million to teen pregnancy prevention with DC Campaign as the grant managing entity. This legislation was created in response to a major local foundation ceasing its operations. With the \$2 million allocation, DC Campaign was able to maintain a unified effort by making grants to local organizations who have helped to drive the teen pregnancy rate in Washington, DC down to its lowest level in decades including:

- Advocates for Justice and Education
- American Academy of Pediatrics, DC Chapter
- CASA DC
- Children's National Medical Center
- Community of Hope
- Consortium for Child Welfare
- East River Family Strengthening Collaborative
- Healthy Babies Project, Inc.
- Latin American Youth Center
- Mary's Center for Maternal and Child Care
- Medstar Washington Hospital Center
- Multicultural Career Intern Program
- Pin Points
- Sasha Bruce Youthwork, Inc.
- Unity Health Care
- Young Women's Project

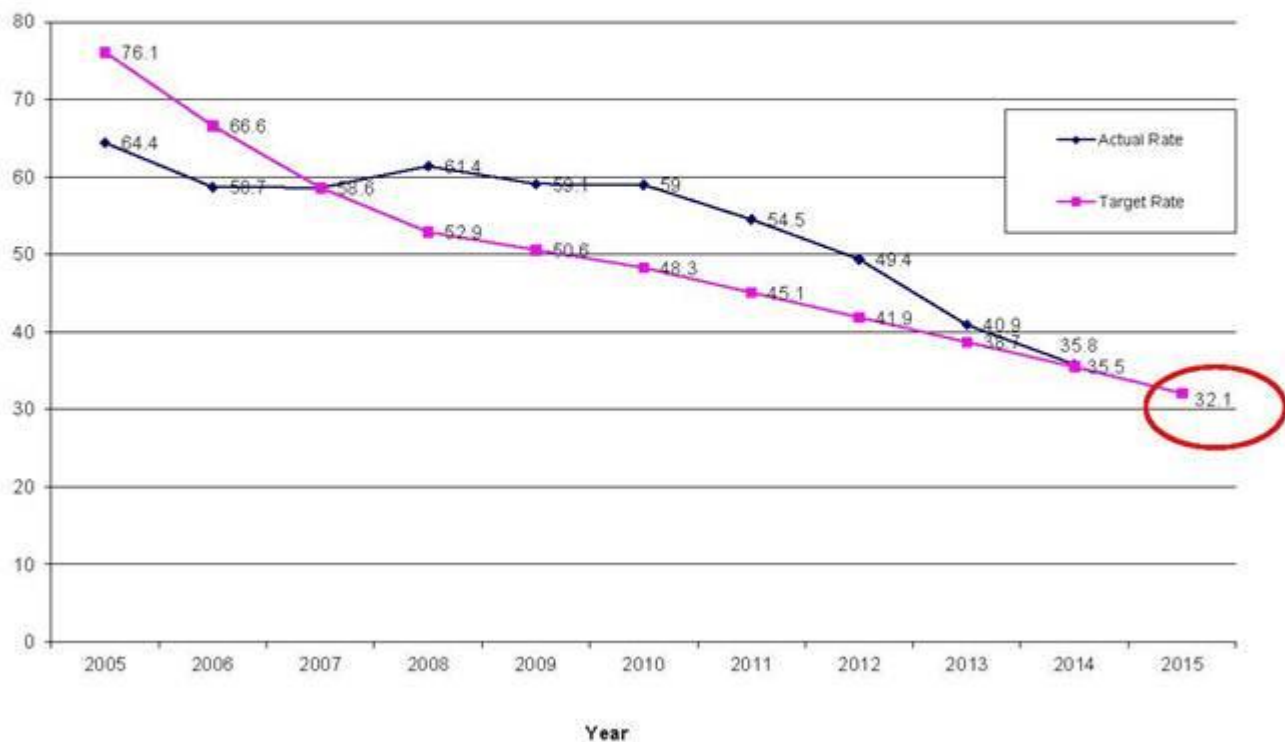
The next fiscal year, the City Council allocated an additional \$1.3 million to continue the dramatic declines in teen pregnancy that have been accomplished. However, there will not be any funding from the city for FY 17, putting the impressive declines in the teen pregnancy rate at risk. In fact, without the concerted effort of many excellent local providers, led by DC Campaign, the rate may actually begin to increase, costing the city hundreds of millions of dollars annually to support families started by teens.

I urge you to use \$6 million of the Group Hospitalization and Medical Services Inc. (GHMSI) \$56 million in excess surplus to continue the work of the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Fund for three more years. DC Campaign has created the infrastructure to award and monitor multiple grants, conduct site visits, provide technical assistance, broker partnerships with other sub-

grantees and organizations, collect and analyze data and generate reports. The Fund currently provides grants to primary and secondary teen pregnancy prevention programs with a track record of success in the District of Columbia. These evidence-based programs in health services for teens, reproductive health education, professional development and training, research and policy development, and public education/awareness have led to the lowest recorded rate of teen pregnancy in the city's history. Your support can keep the numbers going in the right direction. Since 1999, DC Campaign has become the trusted, go to resource for information about teen pregnancy and its related issues for the City Council, the media, community organizations, and other non-profit organizations.



Actual and Projected Teen Pregnancy Rates for the District of Columbia 2005-2015*



Thank you for considering my request. I am happy to provide any additional information you may need.

All the best,
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