

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-3304

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The Honorable Robert Kennedy Jr.
Secretary
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20201

Dear Secretary Kennedy Jr.,

I am writing to inquire about the status of the Teen Pregnancy Prevention (TPP) grants that were canceled by the Department of Health and Human Services. I am concerned that HHS is still holding funding for these important grants that support locally delivered, evidence-based programs that reach young people where they live, often in communities with limited access to health education and services, including rural areas.

I understand that recent decisions by the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia have blocked HHS from issuing new grants with new funding conditions. HHS must have a plan to ensure that this vital program continues. As 92 members of Congress, including myself, recently stated in a letter to HHS, HHS must immediately reinstate funding for TPP Program grantees that your department cut off earlier this year.

I request that you immediately share HHS's plan to allocate funding for the TPP program with funds obligated by Congress and ensure that grantees, including North Carolina, will continue to offer important evidence-based education and not see their funding and program implementation further interrupted.

Thank you for your attention and prompt reply to this important inquiry.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress