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My belief is, regarding a great many questions in this survey raised, that continued explication is necessary. The Planned Parenthood Advocacy Fund should know that I am a candidate who supports for women full reproductive rights and liberties, including every right to pregnancy termination in any given situation – and the universal free, legal, and safe exercise of such, regardless of trimester, with no strings attached, on demand, and absolutely no spousal or parental notification at all required. I not only believe we must not further restrict access to health care services, but that we must expand access. I not only believe in comprehensive health education, but am opposed to legislation now being advocated by the Article 8 Alliance before General Court of the Commonwealth.

Comprehensive health education must include comprehensive sex education. In this spirit, I work to defend the Gay/ Straight Alliance movement in our public schools against the continued efforts of such hate groups as the Article 8 Alliance and its allies on Beacon Hill to zero-fund or level-fund their continued and needed advocacy. I support the complete and inclusive health curriculum such as that now being advanced in H. 1641 and S. 102, and so violently being challenged by the Article 8 Alliance; and oppose so-called "opt-in" legislation such as H. 1050. I would oppose any House counterpart of S. 316, and similar legislation intended to forbid continued research into "risk" behaviors, suicidal inclinations, and drug abuse history for children in our public schools.

I support a single-payer health care plan, and the proposed affordable health care constitutional amendment – and am of the firm belief that the full exercise of women's reproductive rights and liberties must be covered under such plans. I support the universal provision from all health care providers of both emergency contraception and pregnancy termination services. I not only support increased state funding for family planning services, but support absolutely the full funding of such to such levels as completely meet demand. My support for full exercise of all reproductive rights and liberties is such that I'm far less supportive of the standards established by Roe v. Wade than I am of the belief that the landmark Supreme Court decision established a mere foothold towards what we must achieve: free, legal and safe abortion on demand. In other words, Roe v. Wade is inadequate. We must ensure that it is forever upheld, but must also move far beyond it and ensure that all health care services remain available on demand with no regard for sex, socio-economic status, race, age and ability. This is a basic right.

I thank you for your consideration.

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