

## **Preventing Unintended Pregnancies, Reducing the Need for Abortion and Supporting Parents Act**

The “Preventing Unintended Pregnancies, Reducing the Need for Abortion and Supporting Parents Act” offers common ground policy solutions on abortion that reduce the need for abortion by addressing its root causes. It has two policy tracks: preventing unintended pregnancies and supporting pregnant women and new families, including adoption.

### **Prevention:**

Almost half of all pregnancies are unintended and four-in-ten unintended pregnancies end in abortion. Policies in the bill that help prevent unintended pregnancy include:

- Grants for Teen Pregnancy Prevention Comprehensive Education (encouraging teens to delay sexual activity and providing age appropriate, factually and medically accurate and complete contraceptive information for teens)
- Support for After-School Programs
- Teen Pregnancy Prevention Incentive Grants
- Grants to Encourage Creative Approaches to Teen Pregnancy Prevention
- A National Initiative to Enlist Parents in Preventing Teen Pregnancy
- Grants to Prevent Unplanned Pregnancy Among Community College Students
- Restoration of Medicaid Entitlement to Coverage of Family Planning Services
- Expanded Coverage of Family Planning under Medicaid for Low-Income Women
- Increased Support for the Nation’s Title X Family Planning Program
- Grants for Home Visits by Trained Home Visitors for Low-Income Families (to include contraceptive counseling)

### **Support:**

One of the two most common reasons women report having an abortion is that they cannot afford a child. Policies in the bill that support pregnant women who wish to carry their pregnancies to term and assist new families include:

- Expanded Medicaid and CHIP Coverage of Mothers and Children (including expanded postpartum coverage and increased CHIP income eligibility for children)
- Coverage of Maternity Care
- Improved Access to Prenatal Ultrasounds
- A Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Prevention Program for Women
- Increased Support for Pregnant and Parenting Students
- Grants for a National Information Campaign on Adoption
- Expanded Adoption Tax Credit Assistance
- Increased Support for the WIC Program (extending certification periods for children, promoting and supporting breastfeeding, and increasing WIC funding)
- Expanded Nutritional Support for Low-Income Parents
- Increased Funding for the Child Care and Development Block Grant Program
- Grants for Home Visits by Trained Home Visitors for Low-Income Families (to include contraceptive counseling)
- A Public Awareness Campaign Regarding Resources Available to New Parents