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Introduced by: RON SIMS
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Proposed No.: 91 - 472

MOTION NO. 8316

A MOTION supporting federal legislation protecting the freedom of speech for doctors and clinicians working in Title X funded family planning clinics.

BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

WHEREAS, the U.S. Supreme Court on May 23, 1991 upheld federal Title X of Public Health Service Act's regulations preventing doctors and clinicians in federally funded family planning clinics from telling their pregnant patients about all of their family planning options, and

WHEREAS, such regulations deny medical professionals working in Title X funded family planning clinics their freedom of speech and put them at risk of committing medical malpractice and

WHEREAS, such regulations mandate for Title X patients a two-tier health system--one for the poor and one for those who can afford to pay for their medical care, and

WHEREAS, there is legislation currently before both houses of Congress called the Title X Pregnancy Counseling Act.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

A. The council supports legislation presently before Congress (H.R. 392 and S. 323) revising Title X regulations and protecting the freedom of speech for doctors and clinicians working in Title X funded family planning clinics.

B. The council directs the clerk of the council to send copies of this motion to the members of the Washington State congressional delegation.

PASSED this 17th day of June, 1991.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

ATTEST:

Lois North
Chair

Gerald G. Peterson
Clerk of the Council