Tarrant County: at risk by SB22/HB1929

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18.6 people are diagnosed with HIV compared to 14 nationally per every 100,000 people*

23.9 teen births compared to 20.3 nationally per every 1,000 teens*

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*Data provided by the CDC, 2016 and http://healthdata.dshs.texas.gov/Home
PROTECT LOCAL HEALTHCARE.

SB 22/HB 1929 blocks local governments from partnering with Planned Parenthood in ANY way through a ban on “taxpayer resource transactions” between local governmental entities and Planned Parenthood. The term “taxpayer resource transactions” is 100% political and is so vague that it would create sweeping and damaging public health barriers to how Planned Parenthood provides healthcare and education in the communities we serve.

What’s at stake in Tarrant County:
• Education events by Planned Parenthood staff to raise awareness of the importance of STD testing and treatment to destigmatize STDs among at risk young adults on community college campuses
• “Pop up” clinics staffed by Planned Parenthood clinicians on community college campuses to provide timely access to birth control and health screenings to reduce barriers to healthcare for uninsured students and raise awareness about birth control options and STD testing
• Contraception education provided by Planned Parenthood health educators for new moms with opioid addiction in public clinics

Healthcare is local. Communities are healthiest when local healthcare providers can collaborate – let’s keep it that way.

Public Health Risks by SB22/HB 1929:
• Undermines local control
• Reduces access to healthcare when too many Texans already are uninsured and medically underserved
• Bans city and county governments from marshaling critical healthcare resources for disease outbreaks like Zika, STDs, and in times of natural disaster

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