



Dear Friends,

We are writing to let you know that last Friday the U.S. House of Representatives passed [H.R. 3922](#), the CHAMPIONING HEALTHY KIDS Act. The vote was 242-174 with most Democrats opposing it based on how it was paid for. Similar to the bill that passed the House Energy and Commerce Committee in early October, this bill would reauthorize the Personal Responsibility Program (PREP) for two years (through FY 2019) with two changes: 1) it adds victims of human trafficking as a target population and 2) it continues current competitive PREP grants through 2019. (See the bill text beginning on [page 31](#)). In addition, it extends for two years and significantly changes the Title V state abstinence education program, renaming it as the Youth Empowerment Program. The bill would also continue funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program and other key "health extenders," such as community health centers.

The Senate still needs to take action. The Senate Finance Committee is considering a "discussion draft bill" that would extend both PREP and the Title V state abstinence education program in their current form for two years, along with continuing other health extenders for various lengths of time. However, they are still grappling with how to pay for these programs. The Senate needs to hear from you about the importance of a multi-year extension of PREP. Please contact your Senators, especially if they are on the [Senate Finance Committee](#); ask them "**Please support a multi-year reauthorization of PREP as part of any "health extenders" package, in order to provide grantees time to implement the program efficiently and effectively.**"

We will update you as we hear more. In the meantime, visit our [Federal Policy Action Center](#) for the latest news and resources.

Best,
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