

**Urgency of Now**

**The Impact of the New Political Climate on Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains, Presentation to AAUW, Colorado**

# Agenda

- **PPRM – Overview**
- **Federal Landscape**
- **State Landscape**
- **What is at stake**
- **What you can do**



# Overview

# Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains

- Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains: Non-Partisan, Non-profit C(3) charitable organization that focuses on education and health care services
- Planned Parenthood Votes Colorado: Non-partisan, 501(c)(4) non-profit organization. PPVC is the advocacy and political arm of Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains, Inc. (PPRM). We engage in educational and electoral activity, including legislative advocacy, voter education, and grassroots organizing to promote the Planned Parenthood mission.

# PPRM in Colorado

- PPRM in Colorado was started 100 years ago
- PPRM in Colorado has 20 health centers – more than 50% are outside of the Denver Metro area.
- PPRM serves 70,000 Coloradans
  - 1/3 Medicaid (roughly 24,000)
  - 1/3 Private insurance
  - 1/3 self-pay
- Health Center Locations:
  - Denver, Littleton, Aurora, Arvada, Colorado Springs, Boulder, Longmont, Fort Collins, Greeley, Glenwood Springs, Steamboat Springs, Cortez, Alamosa, Durango
- PPRM provides safe and legal abortion in some of our clinics. For this care we do not receive any public reimbursement, including federal (Medicaid) or state dollars.
- The only federal/state dollars PPRM receives are for the reproductive health care services we provide
- PPRM does not participate in Title X in Colorado

# Some examples of patient base

- Aurora: 5,100 patients
  - 30% below 100% FPL
  - 65% below 250% FPL
- Denver Central: 8,500 patients
  - 12% under 100% FPL
  - 60% below 250% FPL
- Colorado Springs: 5,830 patients
  - 92% below 250% FPL
  - 40% below 100% FPL
- Cortez: 413 patients
  - 49% below 100% FPL
  - 85% below 250% FPL
- Denver Park Hill: 8,900 patients
  - 33% below 100% FPL
  - 72% below 250% FPL
- Durango: 1600 patients
  - 27% below 100% FPL
  - 70% below 250% FPL
- Please ask for others
- Fort Collins: 6,700 patients
  - 38% below 100% FPL
  - 79% below 250% FPL
- Glenwood Springs: 2,600 patients
  - 41% below 100% FPL
  - 84% below 250% FPL
- Granby: 300 patients
  - 30% under 100% FPL
  - 89% under 250% FPL
- Greeley: 2,800 patients
  - 50% under 100% FPL
  - 84% under 250% FPL
- Littleton: 3,900 patients
  - 17.4% under 100% FPL
  - 72% under 250% FPL
- Longmont: 2,450 patients
  - 42% under 100% FPL
  - 88% under 250% FPL

# Federal Landscape: 115<sup>th</sup> Congress—Senate

- Need 60 votes to advance most legislation – most won't pass without Democratic votes
- 5 strong new pro-women's health Senators (3 of the 4 new women are women of color)
- Targets include “lean” pro- or anti-women's health and 2018'ers

## WOMEN'S HEALTH\*

44 Senators are PRO

4 LEAN PRO

2 LEAN ANTI

49 are ANTI

\* Pending runoff election in Louisiana

# Federal Landscape: 115<sup>th</sup> Congress—House

- Anti choice members still have a clear majority for all votes — same as the 114th Congress
- Increase of 10 strong pro-women's health Members (up to 182 from 172 in the 114th Congress); historic advances of WOC
- Intensity of champions is important

## WOMEN'S HEALTH\*

182 Representatives  
are PRO

10 LEAN PRO

5 LEAN ANTI

236 are ANTI

\* Pending runoff election in LA-03 & LA-04



# Expectations: Supreme Court

Justice Ginsburg (age 83)

Chief Justice Roberts (age 61)

Justice Breyer (age 78)

Justice Thomas (age 68)

Justice Sotomayor (age 62)

Justice Alito (age 66)

Justice Kagan (age 56)

**Vacancy**

Justice Kennedy (age 80)



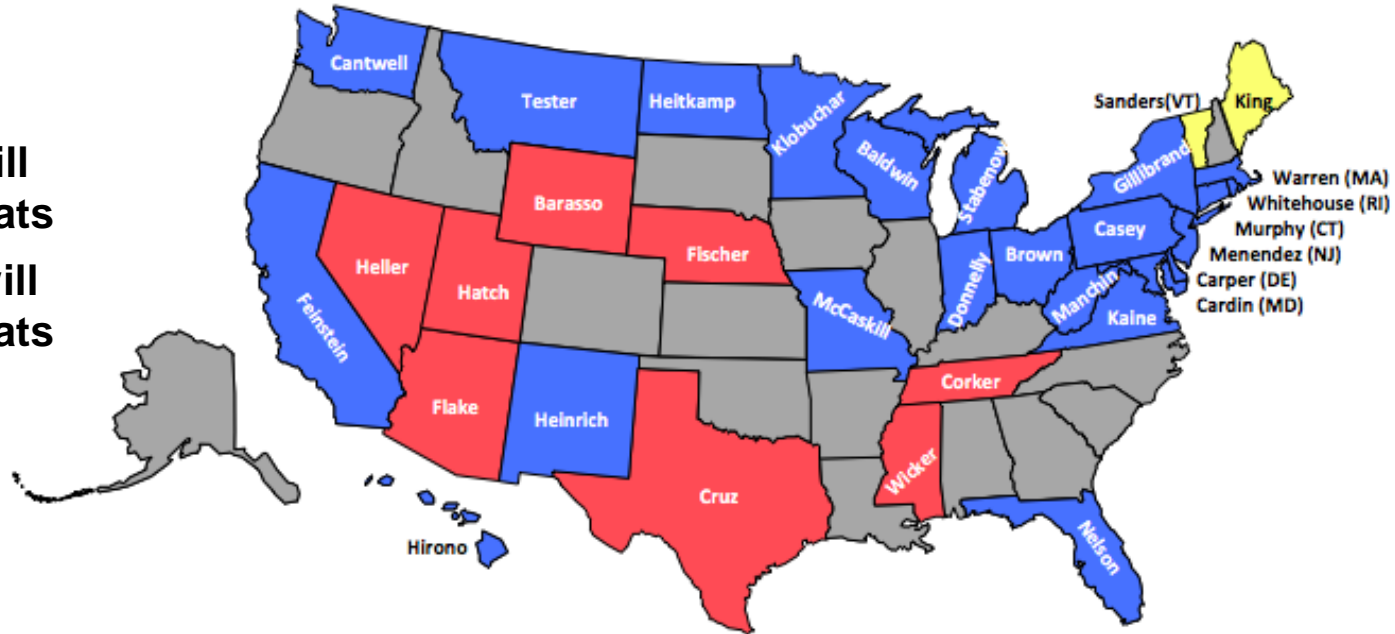
# Neil Gorsuch

- Neil Gorsuch has an alarming history of interfering with reproductive rights and health.
- Gorsuch has:
  - Ruled against women's access to contraception and in favor of the idea that corporations are people
  - Sided with politicians trying to deny women and men access to basic health care, like STD tests and reproductive health and education services, provided by Planned Parenthood health centers
  - Been highly critical of LGBTQ advocates and others who turn to the courts to protect their constitutional rights

# 2018 Senate Races

For 2018 Midterm Elections,

- 25 Democrats will be defending seats
- 8 Republicans will be defending seats



# — What is at Stake?

# Expectations: Timeline of Defunding Threat

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RIGHT NOW!

## Dec-March Budget Reconciliation

- Defund PP from Medicaid
- 51 Votes

## April-Sept FY17 Appropriations

- Defund PP from Title X, CDC 318, TPPP, Etc.
- 60 Votes

## Sept-Dec. Reconciliation & FY18 Appropriations

- Second bite of the apple on both
- 51/60 Votes



# Impact of medicaid cuts

- Capacity/Access
- Medical Specialty
- Primary care doctors

# Texas

- Texas is one of several states that have barred Planned Parenthood affiliates and other clinics with an abortion provider from providing health care services with the use of public funds.
- There was a dramatic cut in funding in 2011
- Led to the closure of 82 family-planning clinics, about one-third of which were affiliated with Planned Parenthood



# Texas

- Texas has highest maternal mortality rate in developed world, study finds
- As the Republican-led state legislature has slashed funding to reproductive healthcare clinics, the maternal mortality rate doubled over just a two-year period
- About half of Texas lacks ready access to OB-GYN care, making it difficult for women to obtain contraception or for pregnant women to confirm the health of their babies. The rate of [Texas](#) women who died from complications related to pregnancy doubled from 2010 to 2014, a new study has found, for an estimated maternal mortality rate that is unmatched in any other state and the rest of the developed world.

# Indiana

- Five Planned Parenthood health centers shut down in 2011 largely because of funding cuts to the state's public health infrastructure.
- Planned Parenthood was the only provider of HIV testing, treatment, and information in Scott County, Indiana
- Since the closure, there has been an outbreak of HIV in Scott County. Eighty people tested positive in 3 months. This is the worst HIV outbreak in Indiana history.
- These Planned Parenthood health centers didn't even offer abortion care, but were shut down anyway because of the larger effort to dismantle our organization.

# Expectations: Other Women's Health Attacks

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## Dec-March Budget Reconciliation

- Initial executive orders
- 100 days
- Undo Title X reg

## April-Sept FY17 Appropriations

- Federal abortion bans
- SCOTUS/Roe
- Other health care changes (e.g., 340B)
- Refusals

## Sept-Dec. Reconciliation & FY18 Appropriations

- Other health care changes (e.g., Medicaid?)
- ???

# Global Gag Rule

- The Global Gag Rule was reinstated and expanded by Donald Trump and prevents international organizations from receiving any U.S. global health assistance if they provide, counsel, refer or advocate for abortion services -- even if they are doing so with their own, non-U.S., funds and even if abortion is legal in their own country. While under previous hostile administrations the “gag” policy applied only to international family planning funds, the expansion of the policy today to encompass all global health funding is wholly unprecedented.

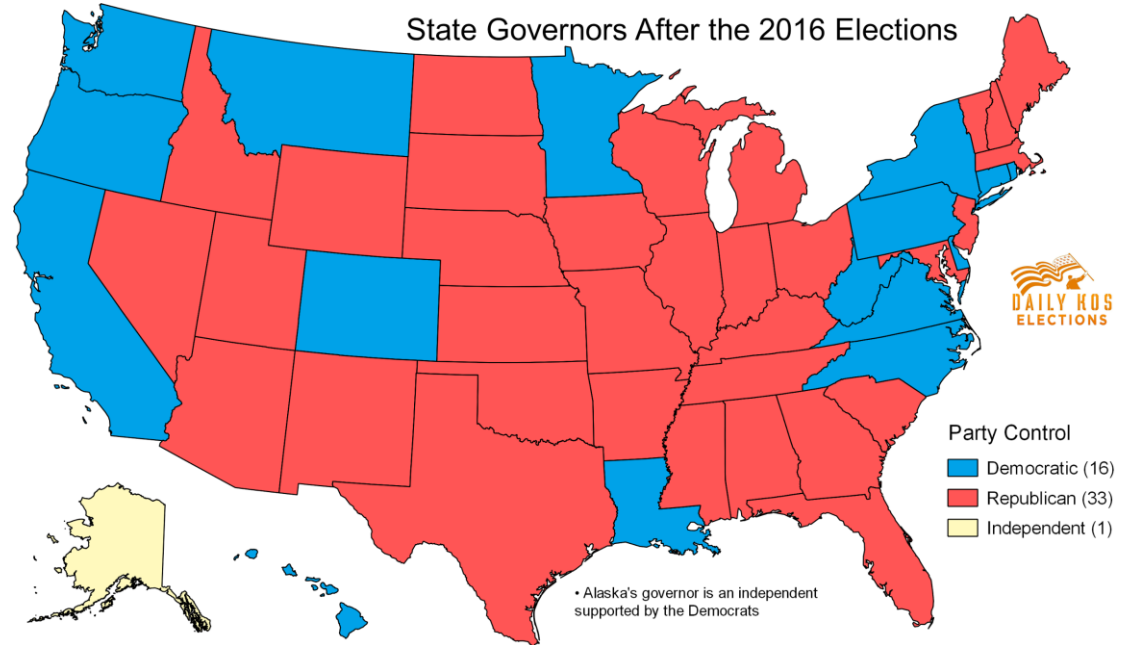


# State Legislative Landscape

# State Landscape: 2016 Post-Election Governor Control

After the election,

- 33 Republican Governors
- 16 Democratic Governors
- 1 Independent Governor



# State Landscape: 2016 Post-Election State Legislative Control

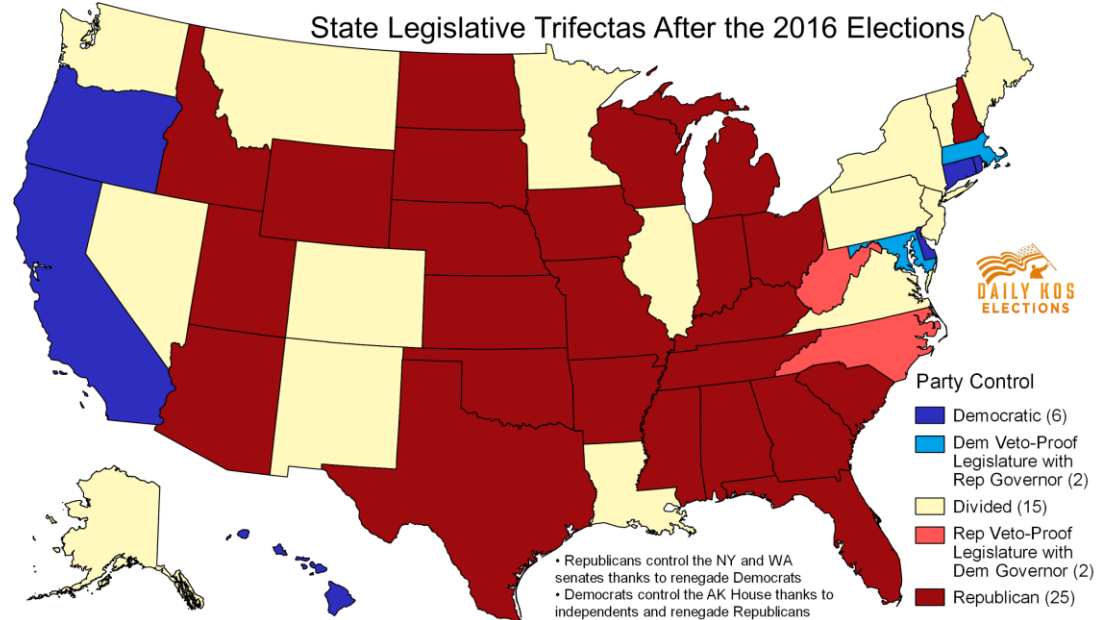
After the election,

- **Republicans control both chambers in 32 states**
- **Democrats control both chambers in 13 states**
- **3 states split control**

# State Landscape: 2016 Post-Election Governor & State Legislative Control

After the election,

- Anti choice electeds have trifecta in 25 states plus veto-proof in 2 states
- Pro choice electeds have trifecta in 6 states and veto proof in 2 states
- 15 states are divided





# State Legislatures: 231

## New abortion restrictions 2010-2014



**2000**



In 2000, 31% of women of reproductive age lived in one of the 13 states considered hostile to abortion...

...but, by 2014, 56% of women lived in one of the now 27 hostile states.



**2014**



## 2015 BY THE NUMBERS

- *Over 570 provisions introduced on reproductive health issues*
  - *244 abortion restrictions*
  - *44 provisions to protect abortion rights*
  - *38 provisions to improve or protect access to family planning*
  - *52 provisions to improve sex education*

# More of the Same

During the 2015 session:

- There were SIX bills attacking access to abortion
  - HB 1041: Protect Life at Conception Act
  - HB 1128: Women's Health Protection Act
  - HB 1112: Born Alive Infant Protection Act
  - HB 1162: Sex Selection Abortion Ban
  - SB268: Offenses Against Unborn Children Act
  - SB285: Women's Right to Accurate Health Information act

There were THREE bills endangering access to reproductive rights

- 2 religious refusal bills (HB 1161, HB 1171)
- SB 77 – Parental Bill of Rights

There were TWO bills defeated that would have supported access to family planning services:

- HB 1194 – Funding for LARC
- HB 1079 – Funding for Medicaid Teen Pregnancy and Dropout Prevention program

# Anti Bills

- Already this session we have seen 4 anti abortion bills introduced:
- - HB1186 - Notice of Reversal of Medication Abortion This bill would require doctors to tell women getting Medication abortion it can be reversed (Medication abortion is two pills - one at the office and another at home). The FDA has not approved this advice, and there are no studies to show this works consistently. In fact, research shows it puts women's health at risk.
- - HB1185 - The Women's Health Protection Act (SO CALLED) - This bill would require all abortion clinics register and provide information to the Attorney General on the abortion care they provide. It not only puts abortion doctors in danger, it puts patients in danger. It also treats hard working and compassionate medical providers different. Furthermore, There is no need to do this, abortion care is extremely safe with less than 1 percent complications, safer than a colonoscopy. Abortion is health care, the doctors who provide it are licensed like any other. They should.
- -HB1108 - Protect Human Life at Conception - This bill would ban abortion, with only an exceptions for the woman's life being at risk, It does include exceptions for rape or incest. This bill violates women's constitutional protection to safe and legal abortion. WE believe every woman should have the right to access safe and legal abortion - and that every woman has the right when and if to have children. When they have this, women do better. And we all do better.
- -HB1099 - No Funding Trafficking Aborted Human Body Parts - this bill targets important medical research being done at Colorado Universities. It requires reporting from universities about "trafficking" of fetal tissue and that the JBC discontinue funding. Fetal tissue has helped save millions of lives in this country. A bi-partisan committee under the Regan administration unanimously found that the benefits it provides are vital to medical research. This bill is continuing the targeted attacks on access to safe and legal abortion, by stigmatizing those who provide this compassionate care.



## Pro active Strategy

- Increased access to contraception
- More transparency of crisis pregnancy centers
- Support of comprehensive sex education
- Support of reproductive health care provider rights and protection
- Support of minors' access to reproductive health care they need

# #IStandwithPP: 2017 Fight Back



Planned Parenthood Action Fund

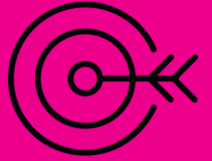
## Goals



- **Protect Planned Parenthood's ability to provide services**
- **Build the movement and position ourselves to take back power**



# Targets



- **Trump influencers**
- **Key Senators**
  - **Moderate Democrats & Republicans**
  - **Senators up for re-election in 2018**



# Overall Strategy

- **Convince Trump and/or key Senate targets that it is not smart (politically, brand/ business) to defund PP**
- **Build and demonstrate support for PP**
- **Crystallize the impact of PP attacks in big, public, compelling ways**
- **Leverage policy, legal, and organizing to mitigate and delay implementation tactics**

# Comms Frame

- Define what's at stake
- Humanize the impact
- Demonstrate unpopularity

# Supporter Engagement: Feb-Mar

**February - March 2017: Go. Fight. Win!**

**Fight Back Campaign Escalation: This is our time to fight like we've never fought before**

## **Colorado**

**February 4: HCAP Activist Training in Colorado Springs**

**February 21: PPFA Premiere Event in Denver (details still being solidified)**

**February 22: PP's first Women & Families Wednesday event**

**March: Colorado Repro Health Lobby Day – date still being determined depending on Capitol space**



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**Thank You**