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Arizona Planned Parenthood Supporters Are Fighting Back
One of more than 300 events happening across the country

PHOENIX, AZ — As Members of Congress return home this week from recess, Planned Parenthood Advocates of Arizona is hosting letter writing parties, rallies, and town halls throughout the state.

These events are all part of a Planned Parenthood Action Fund’s Week of Action, where across the country, Planned Parenthood supporters are flooding their elected officials’ town halls and public events, as well as hosting their own events to make their voices heard and show opposition to defunding Planned Parenthood. In February, Planned Parenthood and its supporters are holding over 300 events, sixteen of which are happening here in Arizona during this recess week.

Quote from Raquel Teran, #IStandwithPP Arizona Campaign Director:
“People in Arizona are making their voices heard — we don’t want reproductive health care attacked. We’re standing together as women, people of color, immigrants, and as people of faith, and we’re fighting back to make sure that every single politician in Arizona knows that we will not stand for defunding Planned Parenthood. We’re not going to silently stand around while politicians in Washington try to take away our health care.”

**Quote from Jodi Liggett, Vice President of Public Affairs:**

“People don’t go to Planned Parenthood to make a political statement; they go there for affordable, quality health care. In Arizona alone, over 33,000 of people are provided with services. Without Planned Parenthood, thousands in Arizona would be left with nowhere else to go. Our supporters aren’t going to let that happen. They’re going to be all over Arizona this week, fighting for Planned Parenthood, and fighting for our patients from all backgrounds, faiths, and identities.”

In Phoenix, Tucson, and northern Arizona, local Planned Parenthood organizers are hosting events every single day of the week. Monday will kick off with letter writing parties where patients and supporters can share why Planned Parenthood’s care is critical. Those letters will then be hand delivered on Tuesday during a rally outside the offices of Senator Jeff Flake and Senator John McCain. The entire week will be focused on gathering momentum that will lead up to town halls hosted by Planned Parenthood Advocates of Arizona where elected officials have been invited to hear from the public about their concerns regarding the Affordable Care Act and reproductive rights.

It’s clear that Members of Congress are already feeling the pressure. Just this past week Jason Chaffetz and Diane Black were both flooded with folks asking about Planned Parenthood and the ACA and their town halls. In Utah, a Planned Parenthood patient directly asked Chaffetz this question and Chaffetz was subsequently booed for his answer that he would defund PP. And Planned Parenthood supporters in Tennessee tried to directly confront Diane Black at her town hall. And in Georgia, concerned Planned Parenthood patients are packed a constituent event asking why Perdue and Isakson would defund Planned Parenthood.

Planned Parenthood supporters have consistently been showing up in full force. Just last week hundreds of counter protestors showed up Planned Parenthood Arizona’s Tempe and Glendale health centers to stand up against people wanting to block access to care. The term “defunding” Planned Parenthood is a misnomer. There is no blank check that Planned Parenthood gets from the federal government, and it’s not in the budget. Instead, the legislation prevents millions of women who rely on Medicaid from accessing the health care provider they’ve been depending on for decades. This policy also has nothing to do with abortion -- it instead cuts women off from cancer screenings, birth control, and HIV and STI testing and treatment.

New polling shows that voters overwhelmingly support Planned Parenthood. Sixty-two percent of voters are opposed to defunding Planned Parenthood, while only 31 percent of voters support it. And when those voters are informed what “defunding” Planned

Parenthood actually means, only 12 percent of voters support defunding Planned Parenthood, according to Quinnipiac.

Planned Parenthood Arizona cares for over 33,000 people in Arizona each year.

For more details on events please visit the links below or email Tayler Tucker, tatucker@ppaz.org:

**Phoenix**
- **Mon:** Letters to Flake Party - Phoenix
- **Tues:** Rally and Letter Delivery Flake's Office - Phoenix
- **Wed:** Phone Banking for Town Hall - Phoenix
- **Thurs:** ACA and PP Town Hall - Phoenix
- **Fri:** Constant Contact Flake's Office - Phoenix

**Tucson**
- **Mon:** Letters to Flake Party - Tucson
- **Tues:** Rally and Letter Delivery Flake's Office - Tucson
- **Wed:** Phone banking for Town Hall - Tucson
- **Thurs:** ACA and PP Town Hall - Tucson
- **Fri:** Constant Contact Flake's Office - Tucson

**Prescott/Flagstaff**
- **Mon:** Letters to McCain Party - Prescott
- **Tues:** Rally and Letter Delivery McCain's Office - Prescott
- **Wed:** Phone banking for Town Hall - Prescott
- **Thurs:** ACA and PP Town Hall - Prescott
- **Fri:** Constant Contact McCain's Office - Prescott
- **Sun:** ACA and PP Town Hall - Flagstaff

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Planned Parenthood’s advocacy and political arm in Arizona, Planned Parenthood Advocates of Arizona (PPAA), is the state’s largest nonpartisan advocacy organization dedicated to protecting access to women’s health care. PPAA is fighting for every woman’s freedom and right to make reproductive choices, enjoy sexual health and wellbeing, and build healthy, strong families. advocatesaz.org