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HB4127

The HB 4127 should be straightforward, but it is NOT! Proponents of HB 4127 have suggested that scrutinizing this funding is an attempt to "ban" Planned Parenthood or eliminate access to basic health care services. That is NOT TRUE! PLANNED PARENTHOOD REMAINS FREE TO OPERATE IN OREGON. THE REASON FEDERAL FUNDING IS A ISSUE IS BECAUSE OF ITS ROLE IN PROVIDING ABORTIONS AND OTHER CONTROVERSIAL SERVICES UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF GENDER-AFFIRMING CARE, not because of cancer screenings, contraceptives, std testing!

I agree with the concerns about rural access, which also warrants clarity. Planned Parenthood clinics are overwhelmingly located in urban areas. The organization's newest facility in Ontario was established to serve out-of-state abortion demand, NOT TO ADDRESS HEALTH CARE SHORTAGES IN RURAL OREGON.