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Anna G. Eshoo
14th Congressional District
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Re: Oppose Title X funding elimination

Dear Congresswoman Eshoo

I am writing on behalf of the Valley Women's Club, whose Board of Directors recently passed a resolution to strongly OPPOSE the cuts in federal funding for FY 2011 which have been proposed by Appropriations Chairman Hal Rogers. Specifically and most severely, the Title X program has been cut \$327 million which eliminates the program altogether – a program which provides low and moderate income women and men with comprehensive reproductive health care. This health care includes cancer screening, breast exams, the full range of contraception as well as screening and treatment for a variety of public health diseases.

Cutting cost-saving, preventive health care funding in the programs below makes no sense and many people in our community will lose access to basic primary and preventive health care. These cuts will devastate essential public health programs locally. We are strongly opposed to the following proposed cuts:

- Title X Family Planning - \$327M cut (eliminating the program altogether)
- Title V Maternal and Child Health Block Grants - \$210M cut
- CDC - \$755M cut
- Community Health Centers -\$1.3B cut

The Valley Women's Club is dedicated to community action, awareness and leadership in environmental, educational, social, and political concerns that affect the health and welfare of the San Lorenzo Valley and our community. With that mission in mind, we stand strongly in opposition to these proposed federal budget cuts.

Sincerely,

Dixie Mitchell-Clow
Co-President, Valley Women's Club

cc: Congressman Sam Farr
Senator Dianne Feinstein
Senator Barbara Boxer
Supervisor Mark Stone
Santa Cruz County Women's Commission