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National Association of County & City Health Officials

The National Connection for Local Public Health

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The Honorable Tom Price, MD
Secretary
Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20201

Dear Secretary Price:

On behalf of the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) and nearly 3,000 city, county, district and tribal health departments, I write today to urge you to continue funding for the Office of Adolescent Health's Teen Pregnancy Prevention (TPP) program.

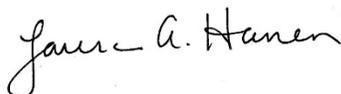
This program is essential to local community efforts to reduce teen pregnancy rates and make sure young people get the best possible start in life, serving 400,000 teens per year. The program has begun to see results in communities across the nation that have been funded through this grant program intended to last for five years.

Since the first round of the TPP Program and Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP) grants were awarded in 2010, the teen birth rate in the U.S. has declined 35%, about twice as much as the decline in any other five-year period. A study by The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy found that in 2010 alone, the U.S. realized \$12 billion in savings due to the declines in the teen birth rate between 1991 and 2010.

NACCHO is the voice of the nation's local health departments that work every day to protect and promote health and well-being for all people. Local health departments are integral to community efforts to give young people a good foundation for their future, in part by combatting teen pregnancy and other risk factors that hamper good health and academic achievement.

NACCHO's leadership and members look forward to working with you to improve the health of American teens. Please contact Eli Briggs, Senior Government Affairs Director, at ebriggs@naccho.org or 202/507-4194 with any questions or for further information.

Sincerely,



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