

Clinton calls for increased Planned Parenthood funding

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Hillary Clinton is calling for increased government funding for Planned Parenthood.

“I’m obviously not only against defunding Planned Parenthood, but I would like to see Planned Parenthood even get more funding because oftentimes it is both the first and the last resort for healthcare,” the White House hopeful said in [an interview](#) with Fusion posted on Friday.

Congressional Republicans’ calls to cut off federal funding for Planned Parenthood reached an apex in the fall after a series of controversial undercover videos were released targeting the organization.

Many Republican lawmakers said they were disappointed when the spending bill passed in December maintained funding for Planned Parenthood.

Clinton though wants to do even more to help the group, as she touts [her endorsement](#) from Planned Parenthood last week.

The Congressional Budget Office said in September that Planned Parenthood gets about \$450 million per year in federal funding. Most of that sum comes through Medicaid reimbursements for enrollees using Planned Parenthood’s health services, while about \$60 million comes through discretionary grants under the family planning program known as Title X.

Clinton said in the interview that she was “very proud” to receive Planned Parenthood’s endorsement and that as president the organization would be “one of my partners at the table” in trying to figure out how to increase abortion access for more women of color and women in states where access is being curtailed.

The Supreme Court is set to [hear arguments](#) in March on a landmark abortion rights case determining whether Texas abortion restrictions that could force some clinics in the state to close are constitutional.

The law in question requires that clinics meet the requirements of ambulatory surgical centers and that doctors have admitting privileges at a local hospital.

“I’m waiting to see and worried about the Supreme Court’s decision in the Texas case,” Clinton said.

She said she is still figuring out how to maintain abortion access despite all the new efforts to curtail it.

“We’re going to have to really strategize about what more we can do,” she said.