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Westchester County Board of Legislators 148 Martine Avenue 8th Floor White Plains. NY 10601

To the Westchester County Board of Legislators,

Please accept this letter as Planned Parenthood Hudson Peconic's statement of support for the repeal of the bubble zone provision of the Reproductive Health Care Facilities Act.

The mission of Planned Parenthood Hudson Peconic (PPHP) is to empower individuals to determine their own sexual health and reproductive futures. PPHP provides sexual and reproductive health care to Westchester County in four health centers and a mobile health center. We offer a wide range of sexual and reproductive health care services regardless of the individual's age, race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, immigration status, or ability to pay. For 90 years, we have provided exceptional health services, accurate information and education, and fearless advocacy for reproductive rights and freedom.

High-quality patient care, ensuring that all people are able to receive the sexual and reproductive health care they need, including abortion, without harassment, judgement, or barriers is Planned Parenthood Hudson Peconic's priority.

Since the passage of the Reproductive Health Care Facilities Access Act last year, we have not seen how the 8-foot bubble zone has been beneficial to patients and guests entering and leaving our health centers. The bubble zone provision of the legislation is unenforceable, and therefore disrupts the integrity of the legislation's overall ability to achieve its goal of protecting patients of reproductive health care facilities. Repealing the bubble zone provision will, in fact, strengthen the Reproductive Health Care Facilities Act by making the protections of the law more concrete and clearer for all people to understand.

Repealing the floating bubble provision is how the Reproductive Health Care Facilities Access Act can be most successful in its intention to ensure safe access to reproductive health care facilities for health care workers and patients seeking care.

On behalf of the patients, employees, and communities served by PPHP, thank you for your work in ensuring that all people are able to access the sexual and reproductive health care they need and deserve without fear or intimidation.

Best.

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