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To Whom It May Concern:

I hope to see a Title X grant secured for a Family Planning clinic with the Monroe County Health Department. Our county health department is an excellent match for developing quality services: Family Planning is the gateway through which preventive and proactive good health is attained and maintained by mothers, children, partners and/or spouses.

The citizens of Monroe County can expect a high degree of quality services, overseen by our excellent health department. There will be accountability to the public. Our health services will foster a continuing relationship with services provided by health practitioners with experience in public service. The health department has the administrative ability to maintain a caring and focused philosophy about public service and health care to support the two key individuals who have come forward to work towards making this a reality. Ellie Rogers and Jackie Squires have longstanding experience and a proven public record in the field of family planning and healthcare.

The decision to move forward with applying for the Title X grant has been made with extreme care since it is a first-time step for our health department -- undertaking the creation of a family clinic. As a county councilwoman I will advocate for the Title X grant and look forward to acting as a liaison to inform the council of the stages of discussions leading to the decision to apply because:

- a. the current council respects and encourages aggressive grant seeking
- b. my personal observation is that it is wise to develop community-public relations with a broader scope of currently available medical practices to encourage the public to trust there can be choices in medical establishments
- c. the public will have a guarantee of the longevity of a Family Planning clinic if public officials are involved in accountability for the fiscal side of operation.
- d. A better guarantee of services and outreach if the clinic must present to the public benchmarks and progress reporting through the Health department's head administrator, Bob Schmidt. Bob is very proactive and responsible with the county council and county commissioners.

Our Health Department administers a wide variety of public services and is tapped into human condition issues from many angles: physical and mental health, and environmental concerns. It conducts its mission in a manner appropriate to countywide residents while being sensitive to both urban and rural citizens. It is hoped that outreach will be further developed through even more innovative partnerships with emerging communities and agencies. I anticipate a constant up-to-date delivery of the type of services that people desiring family planning will feel suit their needs in a dignified manner that strives to better their understanding of reproductive health, childrearing, and general healthcare. Care that is pertinent to prevention of ailments—avoiding the expensive need and toll that treatment and illness take on individuals and families.

Please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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