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Planned Parenthood Votes! Washington Launches [Voter Education Ad](#) on Abortion Restrictions

SEATTLE – Today Planned Parenthood Votes! Washington (PPVW) launched a voter education ad called [“Insurance”](#) to educate voters about health care reform abortion restrictions in the House and Senate health insurance reform bills. To view the ad, visit <http://www.youtube.com/McCombSound>.

“Women’s health should not be a political football, and health care reform is not an opportunity to deny women the health care coverage they have today”, said Dana Laurent, Political Director of Planned Parenthood Votes! Washington.

“We want women to know that if they don’t speak out, Congress could make them second-class citizens when it comes to their own health care,” said Elaine Rose, CEO, Planned Parenthood Votes! Washington.

The ad is being aired on stations in the greater Seattle-Tacoma area including Bravo, CNN, MNBC, Lifetime, TNT, and USA.

The [Stupak abortion ban](#) included in the House Health Care reform bill and the [Nelson abortion check provision](#) in the Senate version create such complicated administrative burdens for health plans that it is unlikely they will offer abortion coverage at all. These restrictions upend the status quo on abortion coverage in the United States and will leave millions of women without access to this critical health service. An in depth commentary from PPVW on the Stupak ban and Nelson abortion check provision has been posted on the Washington State political blog, [Publicola](#).

Planned Parenthood is working in Washington State, and across the nation, to eliminate offensive abortion restrictions from the House and Senate reform bills as leadership works to reconcile the legislation.

Planned Parenthood Votes! Washington has made over 50,000 phone calls and turned out hundreds of supporters across the state to rallies and town halls on behalf of federal health care reform efforts that include women's health.

Planned Parenthood health centers operate 35 health care clinics in 18 counties across Washington.

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Planned Parenthood Votes! Washington (PPVW) is an independent, nonprofit, nonpartisan organization educating Washingtonians and policy-makers about reproductive health issues. Votes! lobbies and educates to advance Planned Parenthood's mission and also engages in limited electoral activities.