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Lobby Day Launches Drive for Ohio Prevention First Act

COLUMBUS (April 17, 2007) — The Statehouse steps were packed this afternoon with vocal supporters of legislation designed to reduce the number of unintended pregnancies in Ohio.

The sponsors of this bi-partisan legislation, dubbed the Ohio Prevention First Act, were introduced as Sen. Sue Morano (D-Lorain) and Reps. Tyrone Yates (D-Cincinnati) and Jon Peterson (R-Delaware).

“Planned Parenthood Affiliates of Ohio leads the state in protecting the reproductive freedoms of women,” said Gary Dougherty, Executive Director of this statewide public affairs organization. “We take our role very seriously. With that in mind, PPAO has been working with many organizations in support of real, common sense ways to reduce the number of unintended pregnancies.

“The Ohio Prevention First Act is an honest approach to addressing this important family health issue,” continued Dougherty. “Healthy, responsible actions grow out of a healthy environment and education. The initiatives promoted by this legislation support and supplement the guidance parents provide to their children.”

The Ohio Prevention First Act would ensure that contraception will be available to those who need it, patients will get their legal prescriptions and over-the-counter medications, and children will receive the education they need to make responsible choices.

“Favorable public opinion about creating effective policies for family health for all Ohioans is at an all-time high,” said Dougherty. “We have an opportunity to work in a bi-partisan fashion to reduce unintended pregnancies and to educate our children so they can make responsible choices.”

After seeking co-sponsors through Prevention First Lobby Day, the sponsors of the Ohio Prevention First Act anticipate introducing the bill within several days.

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