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## As Its Abortion Business Crumbles, Planned Parenthood Continues Raking in Federal Tax Dollars

America's premier abortion provider Planned Parenthood has announced the impending closure of nearly a dozen more of its abortion businesses in several states, even as it receives nearly \$500 million annually in federal tax dollars.

On May 19, Colorado's Planned Parenthood franchise announced that it would shutter a pair of its abortion referral clinics in the communities of Longmont and Parker, citing a "tough financial landscape" and the impact of ObamaCare as among the reasons. While neither facility, scheduled to close this summer, provides abortions, they refer customers to other Planned Parenthood clinics that do provide the murderous procedure. In all, Planned Parenthood's Rocky Mountain franchise announced the closure of six of its facilities, including three in New Mexico and one in Wyoming.



LifeNews.com reported that "in total, at least 13 Planned Parenthood facilities have closed or plan to close this year, including four more in Iowa after state lawmakers defunded Planned Parenthood, two in Pennsylvania, and one in Maryland." Planned Parenthood officials insist, however, that a dwindling customer base and financial woes, not state and federal efforts to defund their organization, are the main reasons for the closures.

The <u>Washington Times</u> noted that "President Trump and Republican congressional leaders have promised to cut off the abortion provider's taxpayer funding in a health care bill to repeal the Affordable Care Act and to redirect those dollars to clinics that do not perform abortions."

In early May the U.S. House of Representatives passed a healthcare bill that would redirect taxpayer dollars away from Planned Parenthood for one year and prevent taxpayer funding of healthcare plans that cover abortion on demand.

Presently, however, even as its clinic numbers continue to decline across America, Planned Parenthood still manages to kill more than 300,000 pre-born babies each year, and receives an estimated \$500 million in federal tax dollars each year.

Pro-life leaders said the latest closures help to demonstrate that Planned Parenthood is failing, and Congress and the president should help in its demise by cutting off federal funding. "Planned Parenthood's enterprise is crumbling, even while they are still raking in over half a billion dollars a year from taxpayers," said Marjorie Dannenfelser of the Susan B. Anthony List. "In a market where there are so many better options, women don't need to get their health care from Planned Parenthood." She



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added that the abortion giant's own reports "show a dramatic decline in non-abortion services, including cancer screenings, contraceptive services, and STD testing, but a five percent increase in taxpayer funding as of 2015. Their latest annual report is five months overdue. Planned Parenthood must be held accountable."

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