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Following our three public policy priorities determined a year ago, the next session encompassed STEM education, pay equity, and health. Lynn Fountain, immediate past president, gave a fact-filled presentation on STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) education for girls. She suggested that girls need opportunities to develop their spatial-manipulation abilities by practical problem-solving. They need to see STEM fields as helping fields. Even though women are in the STEM pipeline, they are being discouraged by the culture and environment they find in the workplace. Pat DeWitt, current president, reported on pay equity. With Equal Pay Day only a few days away, she reminded those present of AAUW's pay equity resources on the Association website. Exhibiting some local statistics on pay equity obtainable from the US Bureau of the Census website, she challenged members to write op-ed pieces highlighting these local conditions. She also suggested a program to recognize the most family-friendly employers in each branch's area. Finally, **Debbie Karvey, current treasurer, reported on women's health issues, some successes and some failures in the last Georgia legislative session.** Stimulus money was used to fill some deficits in family planning and **teen pregnancy prevention, and the Medicaid waiver for family planning services, further restrict or ban abortion,** regulate infertility facilities/treatments and a real effort to elevate the legal status of an embryo.

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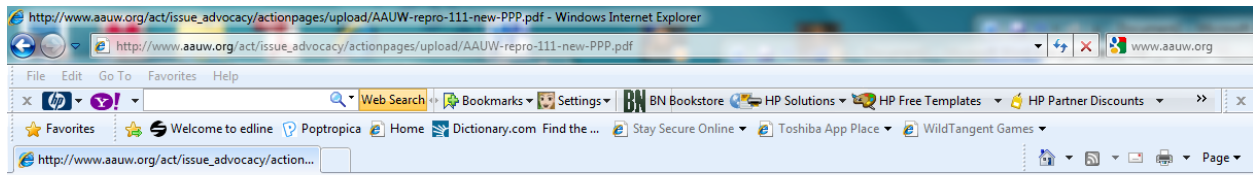
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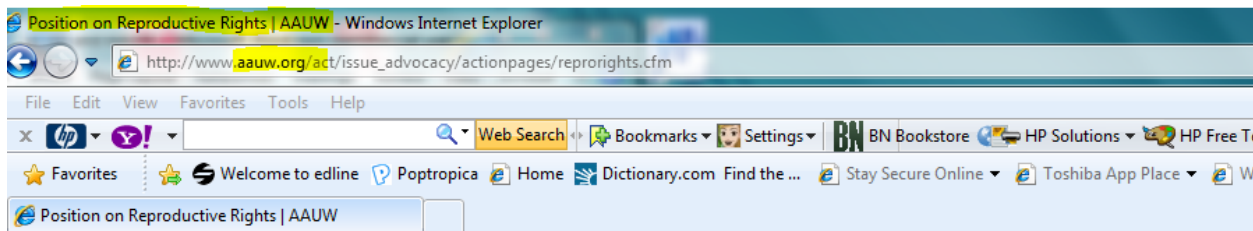
### Federal Officials Challenge Indiana Funding Restrictions for **Planned Parenthood**

The Obama administration **voiced concern** last week about an Indiana law that took effect earlier this month **cutting** Medicaid funding from Planned Parenthood clinics—and other women's health providers—within the state. Federal officials note that these state-level changes may violate federal regulations protecting Medicaid recipients' access to health care providers. Because similar laws have been proposed in a number of other states, federal reaction to this law could have far-reaching implications.

**AAUW believes** that women in Indiana—like women and men everywhere—are entitled to health care that is high-quality, affordable, and easily accessible, including comprehensive family planning and **reproductive health services**.



AAUW trusts that every woman has the ability to make her own informed choices regarding her reproductive life within the dictates of her own moral and religious beliefs, and further believes that these deeply personal decisions should be made without governmental interference. The U.S. Supreme Court's 1973 ruling in *Roe v. Wade* legalized abortion for all women and found abortion to be a constitutionally protected "fundamental right." All women—regardless of race, religion, age, or socioeconomic standing—have a constitutionally protected right to choose. In order to be more than an abstract right however, this right must include real access to a full range of reproductive health and family planning options. Unfortunately, many of the most vulnerable groups of American women are being denied fundamental control of their reproductive lives due increasing restrictions successfully advanced by anti-choice lawmakers at both the state and federal levels.



highest rates of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) in the industrialized worlds, and a recent government report indicated that the teen birth rate has risen for the second consecutive year.<sup>4</sup>

#### Opportunities to Improve Reproductive Health

There are a number of legislative proposals that would ensure women can seek and receive the care they need. AAUW looks forward to working with members of Congress on the following prevention initiatives:

- Pass the Prevention First Act.
- Improve Public Funding for Reproductive Health.
- End Abstinence-Only Sex Education and Fund Comprehensive Sex Education.
- Affirm Access to Emergency Contraception.
- Increase International Family Planning Assistance.

AAUW believes that improved pregnancy prevention programs, new technologies, and access to complete reproductive health services enhance women's reproductive choices which leads to improvements in women's health care in the United States and around the world. Bolstered by the efforts of the Obama administration and several new pro-choice members of Congress, AAUW's advocacy of a woman's right to safe, accessible, and comprehensive reproductive health care will remain an integral part of its efforts to gain equity and justice for all women.