

I applaud the Komen Foundation's decision to reverse the defunding of Planned Parenthood. Politics should never enter into the fight against breast cancer. We all must stand together – shoulder to shoulder to vanquish this dreaded disease. We must also realize that the crucial work that both Planned Parenthood and Komen does saves lives and no partisan political agenda can drown out that most powerful truth. Today, a majority of the American people have spoken and their voices have prevailed.

The truth is that Planned Parenthood and the Komen Foundation are instrumental in protecting low-income women, African-American, Asian American women, and Latinas — especially in rural areas and underserved communities where Planned Parenthood health centers are their lone source of health care. Komen Foundation grants have helped Planned Parenthood health centers provide nearly 170,000 clinical breast exams and more than 6,400 mammogram referrals. Now, with today's welcome news, Komen and Planned Parenthood's incredible work can continue uninterrupted and countless more lives can be saved.

It takes courage to admit and to correct a mistake. The Komen Foundation has shown that courage today.