

# Battle of Letters to the Editor on Planned Parenthood

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### Plenty of trouble

The title of Cecile Richards' book shows Planned Parenthood is not centered on health care. After five years as CEO of Providence Healthcare System, Brett Esrock resigned in 2017. If he then had written a memoir, that would not have been shocking. But if the title were "Make Trouble," that would have been quite surprising.

Waco-born Richards resigned this year as CEO of Planned Parenthood Federation of America and is now on a book tour for her autobiography. The title? "Make Trouble." No shock in this. At its core, Planned Parenthood is not a health-care organization.

When Richards took the reins at PPFA in 2006, she did not have a single year of experience in the health-care industry. Her profession was left-wing political activism, including a stint as deputy chief of staff for Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi. What is at the heart of Planned Parenthood is the moral transformation to unfettered (free) sex, an abortion industry with minimal regulation (and led by Planned Parenthood) and vigorous support for the Democratic Party. On the 2016 presidential campaign trail, no political leader was at the side of Hillary Clinton more than Cecile Richards.

**John Pisciotta,**  
Pro-Life Waco director

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### Repeating lies

Regarding Pro-Life Waco director John Pisciotta's May 2 letter: I'm confused by his reference to departing Providence Healthcare Network President Brett Esrock in the same sentence with former Planned Parenthood Federation of America president Cecile Richards. His point?

And his statement Planned Parenthood is not a health-care organization is, per his usual mean-spirited rhetoric, completely false. PP offers a multitude of health-care services: cancer screenings, mammograms, Pap tests, STD testing, pregnancy tests, birth control and more. To quote WWII Nazi propaganda: "If you repeat a lie often enough, people will believe it, and you will even come to believe it yourself." John Pisciotta has accomplished this.

**Susie Farley, Waco**

May 29, 2018

### Keeping it positive

In her May 20 letter, Susie Farley claims I deceive about Planned Parenthood. Others have complimented Pro-Life Waco for shining light on Planned Parenthood.

It has been gratifying to see the positive responses within the Central Texas community. In 2004, Pro-Life Waco let our community know about the entanglement of the Waco-area Girl Scout Council with a Planned Parenthood sex-ed program. After just a few days of controversy, the local Girl Scout Council severed its relationships with Planned Parenthood.

For several years, Pro-Life Waco informed Central Texans that the Waco Komen affiliate channeled most of its Race for the Cure proceeds through Planned Parenthood Waco for services performed elsewhere (e.g. mammography). In 2016, Waco Komen was absorbed into the affiliate in Tyler to form the East Central Komen. The new affiliate has decided to do their good work without involvement with Planned Parenthood.

The 2018 Race for the Cure in Waco will be October 20. Plan to put on your running shoes!

**John Pisciotta,**  
Director of Pro-Life Waco