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Abortion showdown

Pro-Life Waco director John Pisciotta's March 14 letter rambled in nonsensical yammerings. In his world, he seems to always forget abortion continues to be a legal procedure in the United States and Texas. He cannot fathom the myriad of reasons women choose to have abortions. It may have been Atticus Finch, and I paraphrase, who said you never understand a person till you climb into his skin and walk around in his shoes.

One important issue: When Planned Parenthood is defunded, so are essential medical-health services for women so desperately needed in our state and nation. That's one reason for the Women's March. And what part of federal-funds-do-not-fund-abortion do those yahoos out there not understand? How can our elected officials disregard an entire population they supposedly serve?

I stand with Planned Parenthood and the women of the United States and around the world. Congress, which wants to refuse to fund women's health services in countries around the world that not only

Pisciotta's fairy-tale letter describes an imaginary world. I, too, abhor abortion, but when Planned Parenthood, a leader in the delivery of contraception to thousands of women, has to close its doors because of defunding, women's access to birth control is drastically reduced. Thus, more unplanned pregnancies occur; thus, more abortions occur. A vicious cycle ensues. Does Mr. Pisciotta truly believe women will not have back-alley abortions if proper clinics no longer are able to offer procedures by certified health-care providers? Land of Make Believe. Abortions were performed under appalling conditions prior to legalization and many women either died or their bodies were butchered. perform abortions but even discuss abortion as a choice to unplanned pregnancies, should be seriously scolded. As for you, Mr. Pisciotta, stop submitting your absurd letters to the newspaper. Every letter makes you sound more preposterous than the previous one. Your letters change no one's opinion regarding abortions performed by responsible health-care providers.

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Ms. Rebecca Fox's vitriolic reactions to John Pisciotta's postings have encouraged us to act likewise. Today we gave a donation to both Pro-Life Waco and Care-Net Pregnancy Center of Central Texas in honor of "Rebecca Fox and friends." I urge others of like-mind to contribute to these two organizations as well. We have known Mr. Pisciotta for many years and have found him to be an honorable, honest and very dedicated man. He has put himself out in support of the unborn even in the light of constant personal attacks and denigration by the pro-abortion/pro-Planned Parenthood crowd. We will continue to make similar contributions every time Ms. Fox attacks any pro-life organization or person. One good turn deserves another?

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