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To Whom It May Concern,

Recently, I read an [article](#) where I learned that Planned Parenthood of Delaware has contacted your institution and other schools for deaf middle school and high school students throughout the country to propose you incorporate its ASL sex education series into your curriculum. I am reaching out to ask that you reconsider the proposal from Planned Parenthood of Delaware's to include their sex education program into students' health classes.

Regarding their sex education program specifically, Planned Parenthood released videos in its general sex education series this year which [claim](#) that "virginity is a completely made-up concept" and that "sex means different things to different people." Not only are these statements subjective opinions, but they do not include any mention of sexual assault and abuse following these claims. This is dangerous and misleading for young students in understanding the seriousness of assault and abuse and why sex itself cannot be subjective.

Planned Parenthood's sex education [values](#) focus on "safer sex," "getting tested for STIs and STDs," "using birth control and condoms to prevent pregnancy," and "self-pleasure" through masturbation. Planned Parenthood's sex education programs use sexually explicit images and terminology, going way beyond biological and anatomical terminology and straight to pornography. This can be seen in Planned Parenthood's display of extremely explicit "[sex cards](#)" to 14-year-olds in Saskatchewan, Canada last year, which prompted the education minister to ban the organization's sex education materials from being taught in the school district.

Planned Parenthood [encourages](#) teenagers contact the organization over their concerns about their own sexual health, and that they can do so without parental knowledge. Planned Parenthood [informs](#) the teens as young as 12 can come for services (depending on the state's laws) without telling their own parents. After viewing the videos in the ASL sex education series, one can see that it is a big advertisement for the organization. One student pulls up Planned Parenthood's website to look for info. and another student informs a classmate that [he can go to Planned Parenthood for free condoms](#). The conversations in the video do not include the topics of promoting abstinence, sexual assault/abuse, and encourage underage students not to ask their parents questions about sex, but to talk to their doctor instead.

As a concerned citizen and supporter of your institution's mission and work, I ask that Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind does not include Planned Parenthood's ASL sexual education in its curriculum for any student. Thank you for your attention to this matter and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Ed Martin, STOPP International