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Secular Women Support Planned Parenthood Patients

Southeast Wisconsin Secular She-Thinkers will host a counter-protest to combat harassment

MILWAUKEE – In a show of support for the thousands of women Planned Parenthood serves every day, Southeast Wisconsin Secular She-Thinkers will host a counter-protest Thursday at the Jackson Street clinic.

“Every day, **people of all genders seeking necessary reproductive and preventative care** are harassed, lied to and intimidated on their way to see healthcare professionals,” SWISS Co-Director Charvonne Carlson said. “We are here for those people, and to drown out the voices of the ill-informed and the anti-woman.”

Amidst **calls to defund the immensely important organization**, members of SWISS proudly raised their hands at their last monthly meeting to show that Planned Parenthood had been there for them, an intimate partner or loved one at some point in their lives.

“**Women’s health is unfairly politicized** and controlled, often by religious organizations and male politicians,” SWISS Co-Director LaVada Luening said. “As secular she-thinkers, we recognize the need for community clinics that prioritize health over a dogmatic agenda.”

SWISS will begin to gather at **9:30 at 302 N. Jackson St. in Milwaukee, Wis.** Look for the pink t-shirts stating “I STAND WITH PLANNED PARENTHOOD.”

Southeast Wisconsin Secular She-Thinkers is a budding organization dedicated to helping secular women succeed by addressing women's issues and raising awareness inside and outside the secular movement. It is in the process of becoming a state and 501(c)3 federal non-profit organization and welcomes people of all genders and faiths.

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