

# Statement from Rachel Zenzinger, Candidate for Colorado Senate Dist. 19

## *Re: Planned Parenthood*

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(For additional context please refer to Colorado Pols article, [here](#).)

“An extreme, conservative, anti-choice group of Colorado Senators (the Republican Study Committee of Colorado, which includes Sen. Laura Woods) held a “hearing” at the Colorado Capitol today to attack one of the most trusted women’s healthcare providers in our state, Planned Parenthood. Like the similar hearings in Washington, this one had a single goal: to vilify Planned Parenthood, with scrutiny on bogus fetal tissue donation videos that have been discredited by experts.

Investigations into Planned Parenthood across the country have shown no wrongdoing. To the contrary, Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains provides more than 80,000 Coloradans reproductive health care services each year, including cancer screenings, annual exams, birth control, STD testing, and safe abortion services. Thousands of Coloradans trust PP of the Rocky Mountains and turn to that institution when they need care.

But for Laura Woods and the RSCC, this “hearing” is about attacking women’s access to a reproductive healthcare provider. They want to close Planned Parenthood’s doors, no matter how that would impact Colorado women. Coloradans need leaders who will stand up for what they really need, including their reproductive healthcare. Laura Woods is not that kind of leader.”