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Statement from Terra Costa Howard, Democratic Candidate for 48th District State Representative

LOMBARD – With the General Assembly racing toward the May 31 state budget deadline, Peter Breen is trying to score cheap political points by pandering to a small minority of extremist voters and promoting illegal restrictions on health funding.

Breen is calling for the state legislature to remove funding for full reproductive health services from the FY 2019 state budget – in clear violation of HB 40, the landmark state law passed last year that guarantees Medicaid funding for abortion care for poor women, as well as coverage for state employees.

Although Breen likes to call himself a “champion” of Illinois’ most radical anti-choice voters, his hypocrisy is clear from his continued support of Republican Governor Bruce Rauner, who signed HB40 into law last year.

Any legislator who truly cares about the lives and well-being of women and children in Illinois should be working diligently to pass a state budget that fully funds crucial services, including mental health services, substance abuse treatment, child care, senior care, HIV prevention, and food programs.

Peter Breen should stop grandstanding and start focusing on the true needs of the people in Illinois’ 48th district.

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