Wooster VOX Speak Out

5 December 2015

6pm, Lowry Pit

[Slide 1—Planned Parenthood logo]

We organized this speak out today to ask the community to come together

And stand in solidarity with those who were victimized in the terrorist attack

On a Planned Parenthood clinic in Colorado Springs last week,

And to remember the three innocent lives that were taken in this attack.

[Slide 2—pictures of the 3 victims]

Ke’Arre Stewart, 29 years old, an army veteran, left behind two young daughters, soon after he learned he would be having another child with his girlfriend.

Garrett Swasey, 44 years old, a University of Colorado police officer, traveled over ten miles to the scene to help those who were in danger, left behind a daughter, and his wife of 17 years.

Jennifer Markovsky, 35 years old, a loving and kind mother accompanying a friend to an appointment, left behind two children.

All three lives that were taken away

Were deeply valued in their communities

And were known for their love and kindness.

[slide 3— Cecile Richards Quote]

In the wake of this great loss

We must stand to say

That this will not happen again

That we will not back down

We must fight together

So that those wanting to access safe and affordable healthcare

Do not have to fear for their safety

We must say to the attacker

And any who may stand with him

Acts of terror like this will not be tolerated

That his actions and beliefs are un-American

We must also remember the violence that Planned Parenthood patients and staff

Have experienced for years, and continue to experience every day

That patients, nurses, and doctors alike

Have been subject to ridicule, humiliation, and assault

Merely for trying to provide or receive health care

Something that we all deserve the right to

So today I ask all of you

To take a minute to sit and reflect

On the lives that were lost and those who loved them

And on those who survived

[Slide 4—#StandWithPP]

So now we stand with the victims of last Friday’s attack

We stand with those who rely on Planned Parenthood for their care

#OHStandsWithPPRM

#WOOStandsWithPPRM

I #StandWithPP