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Dear Colleague:

I commend today's Washington Post front-page story to you, entitled: "*Abstinence-only programs might work, study says.*" This peer-reviewed study published in the February edition of the Archives of Pediatric & Adolescent Medicine adds to the growing body of research showing the effectiveness of abstinence education programs.

If we are truly interested in "evidence based" approaches that work, then today's findings should challenge the wisdom of eliminating abstinence education among the federally funded choices for sex education. I urge my colleagues to endorse a course correction within the 2011 budget on this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Phil Gingrey".

Phil Gingrey, M.D.
Member of Congress