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start something, it should be funded, and if it isn't, then we shouldn't be providing it. We should stay with what we have. That's my opinion, Senator Foley, and I'm going to stand by that. I think it's very important that we do this, so everyone in the state would have accessibility to these services. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Janssen. Further discussion. Senator Howard.

SENATOR HOWARD: Thank you, Senator Cudaback and members of the body. I stand in support of Senator Janssen's amendment, and I'm proud and grateful to him for putting this in. As I said yesterday, for too long appropriations funding for women and children and protection issues--child protection, safety, foster care--has always been in terms of table scraps. We have the opportunity to do the right thing here, to fund additional clinics, to provide additional services to meet the needs of women. If we don't provide the funding and an adequate amount of funding, what we're doing is taking away from clinics that are already existing, that already have a clientele, that already are acknowledged as meeting the needs in these areas, and clearly don't have the resources now to even fulfill the obligation they would like to meet, we're really playing a shell game, and we're really not being honest. If we're committed to providing services, we've got to be committed to providing the needed funding. I'd like to offer the remainder of my time to Senator Synowiecki.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Synowiecki.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Thank you, Senator Howard. I appreciate that. Senator Janssen, could you yield?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Janssen, would you yield to a question?

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: I'm trying to figure out...the intent here, then...well, first of all, there was a lot said yesterday regarding 14 providers, and I was under the working assumption that that equated to 14 service sites, but this map that you