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WASHINGTON, D.C. - Over the past few weeks, a firestorm has been brewing in Texas, where parents are furious after learning of a cozy alliance between the Girl Scouts and Planned Parenthood, the nation's largest provider of abortions. The Girl Scouts have been giving their seal of approval to an explicit sex ed pamphlet that is distributed by Planned Parenthood to children as young as 10 years-old. The literature includes information on masturbation as well as diagrams of adults having sex and a boy putting on a condom.

The controversy exploded around the Waco, Texas Girl Scouts organization, where all but two girls have been pulled from the Girl Scouts program there and a Brownie troop has been completely dismantled. The story became national on Friday when Girl Scouts CEO Kathy Cloninger appeared on NBC's "Today," and said: "We have relationships with our church communities, with YWCAs, and with Planned Parenthood organizations across the country, to bring information-based sex education programs to girls."

"Parents have every right to be troubled by an alliance of the Girl Scouts and an organization like Planned Parenthood," said FRC Vice President for Communications Genevieve Wood. "They may see themselves as a 'health organization,' but parents know exactly what Planned Parenthood is, and no amount of spin will change that.

"Planned Parenthood is not only the nation's most prolific provider of abortions, they are inundating young children with graphic information about sex that has no place in the hands of a 10 year-old. Fifth-grade girls do not need Planned Parenthood telling them about sex, condoms and diseases.

"If the Girl Scouts in conservative Waco, Texas are teaming up with Planned Parenthood, parents across the nation look into whether their local organization is doing the same."

FRC is urging its supporters to contact the Girl Scouts organization and demand that it end its alliance with Planned Parenthood. For more information, log onto www.frc.org.

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