

GLOBAL HER ACT

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GLOBAL HEALTH EMPOWERMENT AND RIGHTS ACT

On January 23, 2017, President Donald Trump reinstated the Global Gag Rule, endangering the lives of women and girls around the world. The Global Gag Rule prohibits foreign non-governmental organizations that receive U.S. foreign aid from advocating for abortion or providing abortion as a method of family planning. The Global Gag rule means that orgs that receive U.S. International aid for other reasons-- like maternal health, HIV prevention, or fighting malaria or Zika -- can't so much as educate their communities on safe abortion, or they will lose their funding.

We must permanently end the Global Gag Rule and ensure all women and girls have access to the healthcare they need.

Senator Jeanne Shaheen (NH) and Representative Nita Lowey (NY) have introduced the Global Health, Empowerment and Rights (HER) Act to permanently end the Global Gag Rule

It currently has bipartisan support in the House and Senate.

THE GLOBAL HER ACT WOULD:

- 1 Allow foreign organizations receiving U.S. aid to use non-U.S. funds to provide medical services that are legal in the U.S. and in the respective countries, including safe abortion
- 2 Allow foreign non-governmental organizations receiving U.S. aid to use non-U.S. funds to address the specific needs of the population, such as HIV prevention and treatment and maternal and child health, so long as these activities are legal in the U.S. and in the respective country
- 3 Promote safe, ethical medical practices by removing discriminatory restrictions on essential health care services

PASSAGE OF THE GLOBAL HER ACT WOULD:

- 1 Guarantee that U.S. foreign aid promotes health care that is free from stigma and discrimination
- 2 Support and encourage democratic participation and freedom of speech abroad
- 3 Encourage comprehensive reproductive health care, uphold a patient's right to informed choice, and respect the doctor/patient relationship