Bird Dogging Training

*Bird dogging is seeking out elected officials and asking them questions on the record. This provides an opportunity to capture a representative’s response on camera, which can be used for social media.*

*This is grassroots power in action!*

**What can you accomplish with bird dogging?**

- Get your congresspeople on the record about what they will or won’t do to oppose Trump’s Global Gag Rule and support the Global HER Act.
- Have a larger role in the political process and gain hands on experience!

**Who will you be bird dogging?**

Know who you are bird dogging! Research your elected official’s voting record on reproductive rights policies so that you know what to expect when you ask them about Trump’s Global Gag Rule.

**How should you approach the elected official?**

- Go with a partner so that you can both be alert and ready to ask the questions - one person can engage with the elected official, and the other can hold the recording device.
- **Be prepared:** Practice beforehand so you don’t need to reference a script, arrive early, get in the candidate’s path, and be prepared to shake hands for a one-on-one opportunity.
- Have your recording device ready! Film horizontally so that the footage can be shared on social media.
- Be confident and persistent!

**What will you be asking? Use one of these prepared questions!**

- [Senator/Congressperson], considering how harmful the Gag Rule will be for women and families around the globe, will you actively support the Global HER Act to permanently end the Gag Rule?
- Considering how vital family planning clinics are for women and families around the globe, will you support a greater U.S. investment in international family planning?

*As a constituent, you can check in with your legislator’s office to see if he or she will be participating in an event or speaking in your area!*