Template Letter to the Editor

Below is a template letter to the editor that should be personalized with your voice and opinion before submitting to a media outlet for consideration. Letters are usually 200-250 words in length but you should check the submission guidelines of the outlet to verify length requirements.

End the Global Gag Rule

The Global Gag Rule restricts organizations from even talking to women about all of their reproductive health options by holding critical aid for family planning and contraceptives hostage. When family planning funding is cut, access to affordable birth control and basic reproductive healthcare becomes very limited, and access to safe abortion care becomes almost non-existent. This leaves women with few options and in many cases forces them to resort to an unsafe abortion or to carry an unsafe pregnancy. This is why abortion and maternal mortality rates increase under the Global Gag Rule.

In fact, when a similar policy was in effect during the Bush administration, researchers at Stanford University discovered that it caused abortion rates in several African countries to double. It’s a policy both cruel and stupid.

While President Trump has made it clear he does not trust women to make their own healthcare decisions, he should consider the facts. The Global Gag Rule puts women’s lives at risk while still increasing abortion abroad. It is the definition of ineffective policy and it should end.

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