



# THE GLOBAL HER ACT

## WHAT IS THE GLOBAL HER ACT?

The Global Health, Empowerment, and Rights Act (Global HER Act) would repeal the Global Gag Rule and prevent a future president from unilaterally reinstating it.

## WHY DO WE NEED THE GLOBAL HER ACT?

Because the Global Gag Rule has always been an executive action, it can be imposed or rescinded by whoever happens to be in the Oval Office. Within days of assuming the presidency, Donald Trump announced a radically expanded version of the policy. Instead of applying only to family planning funding, as has happened under previous administrations, Trump's Global Gag Rule applies to all U.S. global health funding. Tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS, malaria, and childhood nutrition programs are all affected. Past versions of the Global Gag Rule have been devastating to family planning programs around the world. The expansion of the policy to other global health programs is catastrophic, affecting \$8.8 billion or more in U.S. aid.

The Global Gag Rule is a heinous policy that inflicts tremendous suffering on some of the world's most vulnerable people. The current administration's vast expansion will only magnify that harm. Millions of people are being hurt by this cruel and counterproductive policy. Passing the language of the Global HER Act is a necessary step towards making American policy more effective, more rational, and more just.

## GLOBAL HER ACT DETAILS

### IN THE SENATE

**Bill Number: S.368**

**Sponsor: Sen. Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH)**

**Latest Action: February 7, 2019 (Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations)**

**Number of Cosponsors: 46**

### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**Bill Number: H.R.1055**

**Sponsor: Rep. Nita Lowey (D-NY-17)**

**Latest Action: February 7, 2019 (Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs)**

**Number of Cosponsors: 163**

Summary (same for Senate and House bills): This bill states that foreign nongovernmental organizations shall not be ineligible for U.S. international development assistance under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 solely on the basis of health or medical services provided by such organizations with non-U.S. government funds if such services do not violate the laws of the country in which they are being provided and would not violate U.S. federal law if provided in the United States. Such organizations also shall not be subject to requirements relating to the use of non-U.S. government funds for advocacy and lobbying activities other than those that apply to U.S. nongovernmental organizations receiving such assistance under such Act.