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TRUMP ADMINISTRATION EXPECTED TO INTRODUCE DOMESTIC GAG RULE

Center for Health and Gender Equity (CHANGE) denounces the move to expand the failed, outdated global gag rule to women in the U.S.

Washington, D.C. – In yet another cruel twist in the Trump Administration’s war on women, the Administration is expected to announce its domestic gag rule. The new policy would ban federal funds for family planning clinics that discuss abortion as an option with clients. It would mirror the Mexico City Policy, often referred to as the global gag rule, which prohibits non-U.S. nongovernmental organizations that receive family planning funds from providing abortions (except in the cases of rape, incest, or life endangerment), advocating for, or even discussing abortion. Trump imposed the global gag rule as one of his first acts as President and expanded it to all global health assistance.

The announcement comes at the end of National Women’s Health Week. Serra Sippel, president of the Center for Health and Gender Equity (CHANGE), released the following statement:

“At home and abroad, access to comprehensive reproductive healthcare is a human right. Trump’s latest move shows that no one is outside the reach of this Administration’s brutal agenda to deny health and human rights for all, especially women and girls. We have seen the devastating impacts of this type of policy around the world. The global gag rule has been associated with increased abortion rates, a decrease in access to contraceptives, and it has hampered HIV prevention efforts.

“While in Mozambique in January, I witnessed the impact of the global gag rule. Rural communities have been cut off from access to health services, HIV prevention programming for youth has abruptly ended, and health providers are forced to withhold information from their clients about safe, legal abortion. Make no mistake, with the Trump Administration’s new gag rule, women and girls in the United States—much like abroad—will pay the price.”

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About CHANGE

CHANGE (www.genderhealth.org) is a Washington, D.C.-based women’s rights organization that promotes sexual and reproductive health and rights as a means to achieve gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls by shaping public discourse, elevating women’s voices, and influencing the U.S. government.

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