

House Joint Memorial 5

Sponsored by Representative EVANS

SUMMARY

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Urges Congress to pass legislation recognizing that full spectrum of reproductive health care is settled law and is fundamental right for all women.

JOINT MEMORIAL

To the President of the United States and the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled:

We, your memorialists, the Eightieth Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, in legislative session assembled, respectfully represent as follows:

Whereas reproductive rights for women and sexual and reproductive health care have come under repeated and worsening attack in recent years; and

Whereas reproductive rights and sexual and reproductive health care are neither optional nor incidental to women's well-being, but instead are essential aspects of health care that can dramatically affect women's lives; and

Whereas ideologically driven policies and funding shifts that have negatively impacted access to reproductive health care especially impact low-income women, women of color and the most vulnerable elements of our society; and

Whereas the ability of women to exercise reproductive rights should never be limited by ability to pay, gender expression or identity, immigration status, HIV status or race; and

Whereas everyone, including undocumented minors, should have access to safe, legal and affordable abortion and contraception; and

Whereas all people of all ages and genders should receive medically accurate information to make informed choices about their health; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

That we, the members of the Eightieth Legislative Assembly, urge the Congress of the United States to pass legislation that recognizes that the full spectrum of reproductive health care is settled law and is a fundamental right of women; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this memorial shall be sent to the President of the United States, to the Senate Majority Leader, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and to each member of the Oregon Congressional Delegation.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.