

Chairman Waxman Praises Repeal of Global Gag Rule

Chairman Henry A. Waxman issued the following statement after President Barack Obama issued an executive order repealing the global gag rule, also known as the Mexico City Policy, which restricted U.S. funding to organizations that provide basic health care and family planning services to the poorest families in the world.

"I am pleased that President Obama has taken this bold step. Repealing this rule will allow women in developing countries to have better access to family planning and reproductive health services. I commend him for taking swift action on this important issue."