

18 April 2017

The Hon Julie Bishop MP  
Minister for Foreign Affairs  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Minister

### Mexico City Policy – Global Gag Rule

I write to ask that the Government continue overseas aid programs that support sexual and reproductive health.

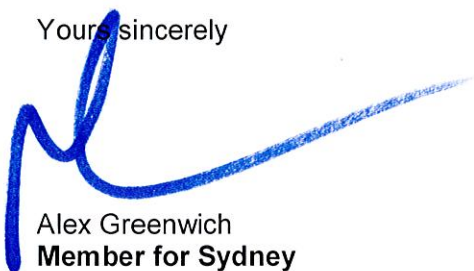
I share community concern about the reinstatement of the Mexico City Policy or Global Gag Rule by the USA President will cause massive funding cuts to aid programs for developing countries that provide contraceptives, family planning, HIV services, maternal and child health and malaria services. Over 20 countries lost vital programs under this policy between 2001 and 2009. While the policy is claimed to prevent abortion, the evidence from those countries shows that unwanted pregnancies and abortions actually increased during this period.

This policy requires any organisation receiving USA aid to have no links to abortion or information about abortion and applies to doctors, midwives, and nurses, irrespective of whether abortion is legal in their country.

Constituents who have contacted me are concerned that the Australian Government maintains funding for sexual and reproductive health programs.

***Could you please continue funding sexual and reproductive health services and inform me what action you will take?***

Yours sincerely



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