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# H. R. 519

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 21, 1993

Mrs. LOWEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs

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## A BILL

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1        *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2        *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3        **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4        This Act may be cited as the “Reproductive Freedom  
5        Protection Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON CDBG ASSISTANCE.**

2 Section 104 of the Housing and Community Develop-  
3 ment Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5304) is amended by adding  
4 at the end the following new subsection:

5 “(n) PROTECTION OF INDIVIDUALS EXERCISING  
6 ABORTION RIGHTS.—

7 “(1) PROHIBITION OF ASSISTANCE.—The Sec-  
8 retary may not obligate or provide any amounts ap-  
9 propriated to carry out this title, directly or through  
10 any State, to any unit of general local government  
11 that fails to adopt a policy of enforcing applicable  
12 antiharassment laws in effect within such unit of  
13 general local government against individuals who  
14 violate such laws to prevent any other individual  
15 from, or to retaliate against any other individual for,  
16 seeking or providing information, advice, treatment,  
17 or assistance in connection with an abortion.

18 “(2) ANTIHARASSMENT LAWS.—For purposes  
19 of this subsection, the term ‘antiharassment laws’  
20 means laws that prohibit or punish the use of force,  
21 the breach of peace, disorderly conduct, criminal  
22 trespass, criminal menacing, obstructing passage,  
23 stalking (including any willful or malicious following  
24 or harassment together with a threat to use force),  
25 knowingly or recklessly attempting to put another in

1       fear of bodily violence, and damaging, destroying, or  
2       defacing the real or personal property of another.

3           “(3) ADMINISTRATION.—The Secretary shall  
4       determine whether a unit of general local govern-  
5       ment has failed to adopt a policy of enforcing appli-  
6       cable antiharassment laws for purposes of this sub-  
7       section.”.

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