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H. RES. 118

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to restricting medical professionals from providing to women full and accurate medical information on reproductive health options.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. PORTER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to restricting medical professionals from providing to women full and accurate medical information on reproductive health options.

Whereas a past Federal policy, commonly known as the gag rule, restricted medical professionals from counseling women about abortion as a reproductive health option;

Whereas the gag rule interfered with the doctor-patient relationship and prohibited the provision of information that medical professionals are ethically and legally required to provide to their patients;

Whereas health problems stemming from diabetes, cancer, the human immunodeficiency virus (commonly known as HIV), hypertension, or multiple sclerosis may be

compounded by pregnancy and may seriously threaten the life or health of the pregnant woman; and

Whereas restricting a medical professional's ability to communicate freely with a woman about her reproductive health options may jeopardize a woman's life or health and violate ethical codes of conduct established for the medical profession: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives that the Federal Government should not es-
3 tablish any policy that restricts medical professionals from
4 providing to women full and accurate medical information
5 on their reproductive health options, including the provi-
6 sion of nondirective abortion counseling.

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