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H. R. 2439

To authorize contributions to the United Nations Population Fund, and
for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 27, 2025

Ms. HOULAHAN (for herself, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Ms. NORTON, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. POCAN, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. CARSON, Mr. CASE, Ms. OMAR, Mr. PETERS, Mrs. DINGELL, Ms. TOKUDA, Mrs. HAYES, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. STRICKLAND, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. NADLER, Ms. JACOBS, Mr. CROW, Ms. TITUS, Mrs. FLETCHER, Ms. BROWN, Mr. QUIGLEY, Ms. PINGREE, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. BELL, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Ms. ANSARI, Ms. MATSUI, Ms. MENG, Ms. JOHNSON of Texas, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. MOULTON, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. AUCHINCLOSS, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. COSTA, Mr. VEASEY, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. COHEN, Ms. DEGETTE, and Ms. VELÁZQUEZ) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

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Fund, and for other purposes.

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 “Support UNFPA
5 Funding Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds the following:

3 (1) The United Nations Population Fund
4 (UNFPA) is the United Nations sexual and repro-
5 ductive health agency.

6 (2) UNFPA was founded with the bipartisan
7 leadership of the United States and advances United
8 States strategic interests to promote peace and sta-
9 bility overseas by working in more than 150 coun-
10 tries to end preventable maternal deaths, the unmet
11 need for contraception, and gender-based violence
12 and other harmful practices, including female genital
13 mutilation and child marriage.

14 (3) The Multilateral Organization Performance
15 Assessment Network, also known as MOPAN, of
16 which the United States is a member, conducted a
17 thorough evaluation of UNFPA's organizational per-
18 formance, effectiveness, and results. The evaluation,
19 released in January 2025, concluded that UNFPA is
20 a highly relevant and effective organization that is
21 successfully delivering on its mandate. UNFPA has
22 been an excellent steward and partner to the United
23 States, ensuring that all United States financial con-
24 tributions are kept in a segregated account and in
25 compliance with United States legal restrictions.
26 UNFPA does not fund abortion or promote abortion

1 as a method of family planning. UNFPA opposes all
2 forms of coercion and involuntary sterilization.

3 (4) All UNFPA programming is guided by
4 principles adopted by 179 governments, including
5 the United States, at the 1994 International Con-
6 ference for Population and Development. The prin-
7 ciples include that “reproductive health care pro-
8 grams should provide the widest range of services
9 without any form of coercion. All couples and indi-
10 viduals have the basic right to decide freely and re-
11 sponsibly the number and spacing of their children
12 and to have the information, education, and means
13 to do so.”.

14 (5) UNFPA extends and supports the United
15 States investment in global safety, stability, and se-
16 curity by reaching women and girls in politically un-
17 stable regions. UNFPA also plays a pivotal role in
18 meeting protection and health care needs in coun-
19 tries experiencing complex humanitarian emer-
20 gencies.

21 (6) UNFPA ensures access to health care and
22 essential supplies for women and families affected by
23 humanitarian crises, including those arising from
24 natural disasters, armed conflicts, and other emer-
25 gencies.

1 (7) The termination of funding for several
2 UNFPA programs restricts UNFPA's critical work,
3 endangering lives across the world. Without reversal,
4 UNFPA cannot continue addressing the needs of the
5 following:

6 (A) The nearly 800 women and adolescent
7 girls who die each day from preventable causes
8 related to pregnancy and childbirth, most of
9 which occur in developing countries and more
10 than half of which occur in fragile and humani-
11 tarian settings.

12 (B) The more than 226,000,000 women of
13 reproductive age in low- and middle-income
14 countries who want to avoid pregnancy and are
15 not using a modern contraceptive method.

16 (C) The estimated 1 in 3 women who expe-
17 rience gender-based violence.

18 (D) The estimated 230,000,000 women
19 who have survived some form of female genital
20 mutilation.

21 (E) The estimated 12,000,000 girls who
22 are forcibly married before the age of 18 each
23 year.

24 (8) Voluntary family planning is central to
25 global health, equality and women's empowerment,

1 and it is a key factor in poverty reduction, enabling
2 individuals and families to make informed decisions
3 about their reproductive health and economic well-
4 being. Providing access to family planning reduces
5 the need for abortion as it helps prevent unintended
6 pregnancies.

7 (9) In March 2025, thousands of Americans,
8 representing all 50 States, expressed their support
9 for the lifesaving work of UNFPA.

10 **SEC. 3. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

11 It is the policy of the United States as follows:

12 (1) Improving the status of women around the
13 world is a strategic priority for United States for-
14 eign policy and development efforts, contributing to
15 global stability and economic growth.

16 (2) The ability of individuals to freely deter-
17 mine whether, when, and with whom to have chil-
18 dren, and to attain the highest standard of health,
19 supports both human rights and sustainable develop-
20 ment, fostering more stable and prosperous societies.

21 (3) Access to voluntary contraception and re-
22 productive health care is a cost-effective intervention
23 that enhances women’s economic participation, re-
24 duces poverty, and strengthens communities—ad-
25 vancing United States strategic interests.

1 (4) UNFPA is a key partner in advancing glob-
2 al health, stability, and economic development by im-
3 proving the status of women and expanding access
4 to voluntary family planning and reproductive health
5 care.

6 (5) UNFPA plays a vital role in ensuring that
7 family planning and reproductive health programs
8 are voluntary, rights-based, and aligned with inter-
9 national standards—helping to prevent instability
10 and improve health outcomes in vulnerable regions.

11 (6) Financial support for UNFPA aligns with
12 United States interests by promoting global health,
13 reducing maternal mortality, and fostering develop-
14 ment in ways that contribute to more stable and
15 self-sufficient nations. The United States Govern-
16 ment remains committed to providing targeted, cost-
17 effective funding to support these efforts.

18 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appro-
20 priated to the President, in addition to funds otherwise
21 made available, not less than \$50,000,000 for fiscal year
22 2026 and not less than \$55,000,000 for fiscal year 2027
23 to support the core functions and programs of the United
24 Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), which may include
25 the following:

1 (1) Ending preventable maternal deaths.

2 (2) Ending the unmet need for contraceptives
3 and promoting a voluntary approach to family plan-
4 ning.

5 (3) Ending gender-based violence.

6 (4) Ending other harmful practices, such as
7 child marriage and female genital mutilation.

8 (5) Supporting United States national security
9 and humanitarian efforts by operating in areas
10 where medical infrastructure or services have been
11 destroyed or limited by natural disasters, armed con-
12 flict, or other humanitarian emergencies.

13 (b) AVAILABILITY.—Amounts authorized to be appro-
14 priated under subsection (a) are authorized to remain
15 available until expended.

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