

Action Alert - Oppose "Gag Rule" Bills

HF0227 / SF0330 - The "Gag Rule" prohibits the use of family planning grant funds to subsidize abortion services and prohibits affiliations between organizations receiving family planning grant funds and organizations providing abortion services.

From Planned Parenthood Minnesota - "*Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life, the most active anti-choice organization in the state, recently scored a victory when a key committee of the State House of Representatives approved the Gag Rule by a 10 - 3 vote. Cynically referred to as the "Taxpayer Protection Act," the Gag Rule says that in order for non-profit organizations and local public health departments to be eligible for state family planning funding grants they cannot provide women with their full range of reproductive health information and services. This funding makes it possible for many low-income women and men to access quality family planning and reproductive health care services.*

If the Gag Rule passes, doctors who believe in providing their patients with medically accurate and pertinent information would be forced to forfeit essential funds that make it possible for many low-income women and men to access quality family planning and reproductive health care services."

Planned Parenthood Online Petition: <http://www.ppaction.org/ct/ApSKaQ91qzrR/>

It is possible that this bill will be included in the Health Finance Omnibus bill. Please contact your local Senator and Representative as well.

**We can still stop this bill in the Senate - Oppose SF0330!
Please contact committee members to oppose the Gag Rule!**

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For additional information on this bill, you can use the bill tracker:
<http://www.leg.state.mn.us/leg/legis.asp>

To Check Committee Schedule: Senate Health and Family Security Committee
<http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/committee/2005-2006/health/schedule.htm>



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