

Dear Friend,

As a lawyer leading and challenging the **Global Gag Rule** since the '80s, I can speak with a certain authority on the issue.



Janet Benshoof on a panel at the EU Parliament in Brussels

We saw this coming. In January when Trump first took office as an anti-choice president, he immediately re-instated the Global Gag Rule. We knew there was [more to it](#), and yesterday with his [newest policy](#), "**Protecting Life in Global Health Assistance**," Trump confirmed that he has expanded these anti-abortion restrictions to impact **\$8.8 billion** in global health assistance. This expansion is unprecedented.

### **We are ready. We are fighting back.**

- GJC has been at the center of the fight against US abortion restrictions for the past ten years. As a result of GJC's work, countries, including the UK, the Netherlands, France and the European Union have pledged to fund abortion services in humanitarian settings.
- We have won historic victories including a global consensus that women and girls raped in armed conflict have the right to all necessary medical care, including abortions, under the Geneva Conventions.
- GJC lawyers are providing expert legal analysis to state actors, women's rights advocates and media outlets around the globe on how the Gag's repressive policies will have a deadly impact on women's lives and what can be done to counter its harmful effects.
- In March, I presented at a EU Parliamentary briefing in Brussels on the ways the EU can fight US abortion restrictions, and on the impact of the restrictions on EU aid.
- GJC was at the **She Decides** conference in Brussels, created by the Netherlands as a funding initiative for stop-gap financial support necessitated by Gag.

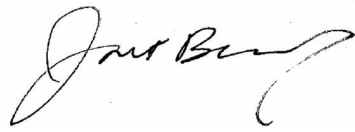
As you can see, GJC stands ready and committed. We have unique international law strategies that have already worked and made great impact in countering the ongoing assault on women's rights. [\*\*Can we count on your commitment - to keep the momentum going and to hold fast to our hard-earned rights?\*\*](#)

The danger of these repressive policies is real. Did you know that 13% of all maternal deaths are the result of an unsafe abortion?

We are not in the same place we were when the Gag Rule was instated by Reagan or Bush. **We will not let Trump take us backward.** We can and do demand radical change against policies that are deadly to women and do not respect the lives of women.

We are ready to go the next mile. Will you join us on this journey?

With hope and determination,



Janet Benshoof  
**President and Founder**

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