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H. R. 4166

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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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 “Support UNFPA
5 Funding Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) The United Nations Population Fund
9 (UNFPA) is the United Nations reproductive health
10 agency.

11 (2) UNFPA was founded with the leadership of
12 the United States and works in more than 150 coun-
13 tries to end preventable maternal deaths, the unmet
14 need for contraception, and gender-based violence
15 and other harmful practices, including female genital
16 mutilation and child marriage.

17 (3) UNFPA also ensures access to health care
18 and essential supplies for women and families im-
19 pacted by emergencies.

20 (4) All UNFPA programming is guided by
21 principles adopted by 179 governments, including
22 the United States, at the 1994 International Con-

1 ference for Population and Development. The prin-
2 ciples include that “reproductive health care pro-
3 grams should provide the widest range of services
4 without any form of coercion. All couples and indi-
5 viduals have the basic right to decide freely and re-
6 sponsibly the number and spacing of their children
7 and to have the information, education and means to
8 do so.”.

9 (5) UNFPA is currently working to address the
10 needs of the following:

11 (A) The 800 women and adolescent girls
12 who die each day from preventable causes re-
13 lated to pregnancy and childbirth, most of
14 which occur in developing countries and more
15 than half of which occur in fragile and humani-
16 tarian settings.

17 (B) The more than 218,000,000 women of
18 reproductive age in low- and middle-income
19 countries who want to avoid pregnancy and are
20 not using a modern contraceptive method.

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

23 (D) The estimated 200,000,000 women
24 who have survived some form of female genital
25 mutilation.

1 (E) The estimated 12,000,000 girls who
2 are forcibly married before the age of 18 each
3 year.

4 (6) UNFPA, which works in three times as
5 many countries as the United States Agency for
6 International Development, extends the impact of
7 United States foreign assistance by reaching people
8 in politically unstable regions. UNFPA also plays a
9 pivotal role in meeting protection and health care
10 needs in countries experiencing humanitarian emer-
11 gencies like Afghanistan, Ukraine, and Yemen.

12 (7) Voluntary family planning is central to
13 global health, gender equality and women’s em-
14 powerment, and it is a key factor in reducing pov-
15 erty.

16 (8) UNFPA continues to rebuild health systems
17 following the COVID–19 outbreak by supporting
18 frontline health workers who help to limit potential
19 increases in maternal deaths, unmet need for family
20 planning, gender-based violence, female genital muti-
21 lation, and child marriage.

22 **SEC. 3. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

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

1 (1) Improving the status of women around the
2 world is a critical component of the United States
3 foreign policy and development strategies.

4 (2) The right of every person to determine free-
5 ly whether, when, and with whom to have children,
6 and to attain the highest standard of sexual and re-
7 productive health, is a basic human right.

8 (3) Access to voluntary contraception and re-
9 productive health care is necessary to improving the
10 status of women and ensuring this basic human
11 right.

12 (4) UNFPA is a key partner to the United
13 States in improving the status of women and ex-
14 panding access to voluntary family planning and re-
15 productive health care services throughout the world.

16 (5) UNFPA helps ensure that family planning
17 and reproductive health programs are voluntary and
18 centered on protecting human rights.

19 (6) Financial support for UNFPA is a crucial
20 part of the United States commitment to global
21 health, development, and human rights, and the
22 Government of the United States is committed to
23 providing core, development, and humanitarian fund-
24 ing to UNFPA.

1 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 There is authorized to be appropriated an annual
3 contribution for each of the five fiscal years beginning
4 after the date of the enactment of this Act to support the
5 core functions and programs of the United Nations Popu-
6 lation Fund (UNFPA), which may include the following:

7 (1) Ending preventable maternal deaths.

8 (2) Ending the unmet need for contraceptives
9 and promoting a human-rights-based approach to
10 family planning.

11 (3) Ending gender-based violence.

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

14 (5) Supporting United States national security
15 and humanitarian efforts by operating in areas
16 where medical infrastructure or services have been
17 destroyed or limited by natural disasters, armed con-
18 flict, or other humanitarian emergencies.

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