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1ST SESSION

# H. R. 556

To prohibit the application of certain restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations with respect to the provision of assistance under part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 28, 2021

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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 “Global Health, Em-  
 5       powerment and Rights Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. ASSISTANCE FOR FOREIGN NONGOVERNMENTAL**  
 7                       **ORGANIZATIONS UNDER PART I OF THE FOR-**  
 8                       **EIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1961.**

9       Notwithstanding any other provision of law, regula-  
 10       tion, or policy, in determining eligibility for assistance au-  
 11       thorized under part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of

1 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2151 et seq.), foreign nongovernmental  
2 organizations—

3 (1) shall not be ineligible for such assistance  
4 solely on the basis of health or medical services, in-  
5 cluding counseling and referral services, provided by  
6 such organizations with non-United States Govern-  
7 ment funds if such services do not violate the laws  
8 of the country in which they are being provided and  
9 would not violate United States Federal law if pro-  
10 vided in the United States; and

11 (2) shall not be subject to requirements relating  
12 to the use of non-United States Government funds  
13 for advocacy and lobbying activities other than those  
14 that apply to United States nongovernmental organi-  
15 zations receiving assistance under part I of such  
16 Act.

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