Jaime Herrera Beutler voted to criminalize abortions, even in cases of rape or incest, and voted to block access to contraception for Washington women. And Herrera Beutler voted to defund Planned Parenthood ten times, even backing a plan to take away $4 million in funding for women’s health care in Washington, putting care for over 90,000 women in jeopardy.

Herrera Beutler Voted For Criminalizing Abortion In Cases Of Rape In Incest. In July 2012, Herrera Beutler voted for “Rep. Trent Franks’ ‘District of Columbia Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act’ was considered under a procedure that requires two-thirds of the House to pass. […] The restriction would not apply in situations where the life of the mother was threatened but it would criminalize abortions after 20 weeks even in cases of rape, incest and fetal abnormalities. Doctors would face up to two years of jail time and fines for not complying with the law.” The bill failed 220 to 154. [Politico, 7/31/12; HR 3803, Vote #539, 7/31/12; CQ, 7/31/12]

Herrera Beutler Voted To Allow Companies To Opt Out Of Birth Control Coverage. In September 2013, Herrera Beutler voted for: “Rogers, R-Ky., motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the joint resolution that would provide fiscal 2014 continuing appropriations with a Blackburn, R-Tenn., amendment that would delay for one year implementation of any provision of the 2010 health care overhaul that would take effect between Oct. 1, 2013, and Dec. 31, 2014, including the individual mandate and the imposition or increase of specified taxes and fees. It also would allow companies and insurance providers until 2015 to opt out of mandated birth control coverage for religious or moral reasons, and bar appropriations and transfers from the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Fund. It also would set the expiration date for the continuing appropriations to Dec. 15, 2013.” The resolution passed 231-192. [HJ Res 59, Vote #498, 9/29/13; CQ, 9/29/13]

1. Herrera Beutler Voted For Reversing Obama Rule Preventing States From Withholding Grants From Planned Parenthood. [HJRes 43, Vote #99, 2/16/17; USA Today, 2/16/17]

2. Herrera Beutler Voted For Overriding The President’s Veto Of A Bill To Repeal The Affordable Care Act And Block Funding Of Planned Parenthood For A Year. [HR 3762, Vote #53, 2/2/16; CQ Floor Votes, 2/2/16]

3. Herrera Beutler Voted For Repealing The Affordable Care Act And Defunding Planned Parenthood For One Year. [HR 3762, Vote #6, 1/6/16; CQ, 1/6/16]

4. Herrera Beutler Voted For Reconciliation Bill To Repeal Key Sections Of The Affordable Care Act And Defund Planned Parenthood. [HR 3762, Vote #568, 10/23/15; Washington Post, 10/23/15]

5. Herrera Beutler Voted For Attaching Measure To Defund Planned Parenthood To Spending Measure Necessary To Avert Government Shutdown. [H Con Res 79, Vote #527, 9/30/15; New York Times, 10/1/15]

6. Herrera Beutler Voted For Bill Making It Easier For States To Defund Planned Parenthood. [HR 3495, Vote #524, 9/29/15; CQ Floor Votes, 9/29/15]


8. Herrera Beutler Voted For Resolution To Bar The Use Of Funds For Planned Parenthood. [H Con Res 36, Vote #271, 4/14/11; CQ Floor Votes, 4/14/11]

9. Herrera Beutler Voted For Continuing Appropriations That Included Provision To Prohibit The Use Of Funds For Planned Parenthood. [HR 1, Vote #147, 2/19/11; CQ Floor Votes, 2/19/11]

10. Herrera Beutler Voted For Amendment To Prohibit The Use Of Funds For Planned Parenthood. [HR 1, Vote #93, 2/18/11; Gannett News Service, 2/18/11]
January 2019: Herrera Beutler Signed A Letter Thanking Trump His Administration’s “Robust Pro-Life Policies” And Stating “No Law Should Be Enacted That Weakens Or Reverses Current Pro-Life Policies Or Laws.” Herrera Beutler signed a letter stating: “Dear Mr. President: Thank you for your strong pro-life commitment and the robust pro-life policies advanced by your Administration over the past two years. […] No law should be enacted that weakens or reverses current pro-life policies or laws.” [House Republican Whip, 1/15/19 (page 8)]

February 2019: NPR: The Trump Administration's Gag Rule Stated “Any Organization That Provides Or Refers Patients For Abortions Is Ineligible For Title X Funding To Cover STD Prevention, Cancer Screenings And Contraception.” “The Trump administration has issued its final draft of a rule that makes sweeping changes to Title X, the federal program that provides birth control and other reproductive health services to millions of low-income Americans. Under the new rule, posted Friday by the federal Department of Health and Human Services Office of Population Affairs, any organization that provides or refers patients for abortions is ineligible for Title X funding to cover STD prevention, cancer screenings and contraception. Federal funding for abortion already is illegal in most cases. […] Abortion-rights supporters have criticized the regulation as a ‘gag rule’ that will prevent doctors from speaking openly with pregnant women about options including abortion.” [NPR, 2/22/19]

May 2018: The Trump Administration’s Title X Proposal Was Publicized. “The Trump administration is reviving a rule that would deny federal family planning funds to organizations that provide abortions or make abortion referrals. The rule is similar to one in place during the Reagan administration. The proposal was drafted by the Health and Human Services Department and is under review by the White House budget office.” [NPR, 5/18/18]

The Trump Administration’s Gag Rule Cut The Title X National Planning Network’s Patient Capacity In Half. “New data from the Guttmacher Institute show that the Trump administration’s domestic ‘gag rule’ has slashed the Title X national family planning network’s patient capacity in half, jeopardizing care for 1.6 million female patients nationwide. On the 50th anniversary of the Title X program, a new analysis estimates that roughly one in every four Title X service sites left the network in 2019 because of the domestic gag rule, shorthand for restrictive regulations that prohibit — among other things — referrals for abortion care.” [Guttmacher Institute, February 2020]

The Washington State Department Of Health Withdrew From Title X Funding; It Previously Received $4 Million In Title X Funding. “The Washington State Department of Health has joined other organizations in withdrawing from Title X funding after a new Trump administration rule went into effect preventing clinics from providing abortion referrals to patients. […] Title X has been in effect since 1970 and gives low-income women access to birth control, STI testing, and pregnancy tests and counseling. In Washington state, the federal government gives $4 million to the Department of Health, which distributes that money to the 85 subgrantees, or clinics, who benefit from it.” [King 5, 8/20/19]

Washington State Officials Said If The State Did Not Withdraw From Title X Funding, It Would Prohibit Health Care Providers From “Caring For Their Patients According To Their Medical Training, Judgment, And Professional And Ethical Obligations.” “Last month, Gov. Jay Inslee, Ferguson and Secretary of Health John Wiesman announced that the state had stopped using Title X funds rather than ask providers to comply with the administration’s gag rule. In a July 30 letter to the federal office that administers the grants, they wrote, ‘The rules would require the Department to violate our state’s Reproductive Privacy Act by discriminating against women’s exercise of their fundamental rights. And the rules would prohibit Title X providers in Washington State from caring for their patients according to their medical training, judgment, and professional and ethical obligations.’” [Seattle Times, Editorial, 8/20/19]

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tests and counseling. In Washington state, the federal government gives $4 million to the Department of Health, which distributes that money to the 85 subgrantees, or clinics, who benefit from it. In total, that federal money makes up 30% of family planning funds, Washington state makes up the rest. The DOH said 93,120 low-income women benefit from the program.” [King 5, 8/20/19]

Headline: Washington State Opt's Out Of Title X Funding After Trump's Gag Rule On Abortion Referrals. [King 5, 8/20/19]