



ACTION ALERT

SUPPORT STATE DEPARTMENT FOCUS ON GLOBAL WOMEN'S ISSUES

Tell Congress to Support the State Department Re-Authorization bill (H.R. 2410) in Full and Keep Section 334 Intact!

Today, Wednesday, June 10th, the House of Representatives will be voting on the State Department Re-Authorization bill (H.R. 2410). Please take a minute to tell Congress to support the State Department Re-authorization bill (H.R. 2410), including Section 334, which authorizes the Office for Global Women's Issues.

About Section 334 and the Office for Global Women's Issues:

- ✚ President Obama created the Office for Global Women's Issues earlier this year by Executive Order, appointing Melanne Vermeer as Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues.
- ✚ Section 334 clarifies the mandate for this position and gives it the force of law.
- ✚ Authorizing the Office on Global Women's Issues will make it permanent, increasing the long-term capacity of the State Department to consider the different roles women and men play in foreign policy, thereby making U.S. foreign policy decisions more effective.

With serious security challenges worldwide, understanding the unique roles of women and men in varying contexts is critical to addressing serious global challenges such as the current wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, tensions in Iran and Pakistan, and global financial and food crises. Women and girls are often disproportionately impacted by crisis and conflict situations; though, they are often a source of peace and stability during tumultuous times. It is critical that as the U.S. determines its strategies for dealing with nations in conflict or fragile states, that we account for the different needs of women and girls.

Please call the offices on the attached list (available here:

[http://www.women thrive.org/images//target%20list for hr2410 including section%20334.doc](http://www.women thrive.org/images//target%20list%20for%20hr2410%20including%20section%20334.doc)) to let them know that you and your organization support the Office for Global Women's Issues and urge them to pass the State Department Re-Authorization bill (H.R. 2410) in full, including Section 334.

Read: Book of Resolutions 2008, #3445 *The Status of Women*, Pages, 526 - 532

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