Rep. Cuellar Supports Women’s Health Resources and Funding

Helps Secure Over $11.2 Billion for Women’s Health and Protects Planned Parenthood

Active / Passed Legislation

Rep. Cuellar, as a Member of the Appropriations Committee, has Voted to Protect Planned Parenthood and Title X Family Planning & Reproductive Health Funding

Rep Cuellar Voted No on striking provisions under the HRSA Family planning account and the Teen Pregnancy Prevention program within the FY21 Labor, HHS Appropriations Bill.

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- The bill also authorizes new programs, makes changes to federal firearms laws, and establishes new protections to promote housing stability and economic security for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking.

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- Eliminates discrimination and promote women's health and economic security.
- Ensures reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition.

- Amendment to standardize family planning education programs across military service branches and provide access to copay-free birth control and emergency contraception.

- Amendment to cut critical international family planning funding from the appropriations package.

Rep. Cuellar Voted Yes on the Biomedical Research, FY20 Appropriations Bill Amendment.
- Amendment to block the Trump administration's expanded restrictions on biomedical research using embryonic and fetal tissue.

- Amendment would grant separate legal rights to a pregnancy, laying the legal groundwork to ban abortion outright.

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(Date Prepared: 8/25/2021)
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- The bill establishes in the Department of State an Office of Global Women's Issues, which shall be headed by an Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues. The Ambassador-at-Large coordinate U.S. government efforts regarding gender equality and the advancement of women and girls in foreign policy and develop or update periodically a U.S. global strategy to prevent and respond to violence against women and girls.
- The bill establishes in the U.S. Agency for International Development the position of Senior Coordinator for Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment who shall direct policies, programs, and funding regarding gender equality and women's empowerment.

Rep. Cuellar was a Cosponsor of the Women Veterans Support Act.
- The bill requires a study to be conducted on suicide by women veterans.
- The bill also establishes a grant program to fund healthcare services, mental health support, financial counseling, legal assistance, transportation to healthcare providers, education/career counseling, childcare, and housing counseling.

Rep. Cuellar was a Cosponsor of the Deborah Sampson Act. (Passed House)
- This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to ensure that gender-specific services are continuously available at every VA medical center and community-based outpatient clinic.
- The VA must conduct a study, interviewing women veterans and employees, to assess the need for and use of extended hours as a means of reducing barriers to care.

Fiscal Year 2022 Appropriations Provisions

Rep. Cuellar helped secure over $9,312,300,000 for Maternal and Reproductive Health programs.
- $6 billion for Women’s, Infants, and Children
- $1.1 billion for programs to improve Maternal and Child Health.
- $150 million for the Breast Cancer Research Program.
- $30 million for State Maternal Health Innovation Grants
- $25 million for demonstration program on Pregnancy Medical Homes
- $750 million for Family Planning and Reproductive Health under Global Health Programs.
- $400 million for Title X Family Planning.
- $778.5 million for Gender-Specific Care under Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).
- $42.1 million for the Office on Women’s Health.
- $14 million for the Ovarian Cancer Research Program.
- $5.3 million to expand the Alliance for Maternal Health Safety Bundles to more states.
- $2 million to support and expand availability of Maternal Mental Health Hotline.
- $5 million to double funding for Screening and Treatment for Maternal Depression.
- $5.4 million for Rural Maternity and Obstetrics Management Strategies.
- $5 million for Menstrual Products Program.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure over $1,953,000,000 for Safety and Equality programs.
- $56 million for CDC’s Safe Motherhood and Infant Health programs.
- $442 million for DoD Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Programs.
- $40.2 million for Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence Prevention Programs.
- $463 million for Family Violence / Prevention Services Act (FVPSA) Programs.
- $26 million for the Domestic Violence Hotline.
$10 million for Combatting Violence Against Women in conjunction with Family Violence Prevention Services

$753 million for Violence Against Women Prevention & Prosecution Programs

**Rep. Cuellar helped secure over $626,000,000 for Education and Empowerment programs.**

- $95 million for Child Care Access Means Parents in School
- $130 million for the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program.
- $26 million for Women’s Business Centers under Small Business Administration (SBA).
- $25 million for the Women’s Bureau under Department of Labor.
- $1 million for peer support programs for Women Veterans.
- $1 million for Women and Minorities in STEM Fields
- $293 for Ensuring Fair Access to Capital Act for support equal pay for Women

**Fiscal Year 2021 Appropriations Provisions**

**Rep. Cuellar helped secure over $8,650,000,000 for Maternal and Reproductive Health programs.**

- $5.75 billion for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Programs.
- $981 million for programs to improve Maternal and Child Health.
- $150 million for the Breast Cancer Research Program.
- $750 million for Family Planning and Reproductive Health under Global Health Programs.
- $286 million for Title X Family Planning.
- $661 million for Gender-Specific Care under Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).
- $37 million for the Office on Women’s Health.
- $35 million for the Ovarian Cancer Research Program.

**Rep. Cuellar helped secure over $1,295,000,000 for Safety and Equality programs.**

- $525 million for Violence Against Women Act Programs.
- $323 million for DoD Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Programs.
- $165 million for the Prevent and Respond to Gender-Based Violence International Program.
- $49 million for Grants to Reduce the Sexual Assault Kit Backlog.
- $34 million for Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence Prevention Programs.
- $185 million for Family Violence / Battered Women’s Shelters.
- $14 million for the Domestic Violence Hotline.

**Rep. Cuellar helped secure over $485,000,000 for Education and Empowerment programs.**

- $10 million for the Maternity Uniform Pilot Program under Defense.
- $150 million for Women’s Education in Areas of Conflict.
- $130 million for the Women, Peace and Security Strategy Program.
- $101 million for the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program.
- $24 million for Women’s Business Centers under Small Business Administration (SBA).
- $15 million for the Women’s Bureau under Department of Labor.

**Fiscal Year 2020 Appropriations Provisions**

**Rep. Cuellar helped secure over $8,796,000,000 for Maternal and Reproductive Health programs.**

- $6 billion for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Programs.
- $972 million for programs to improve Maternal and Child Health.
- $23 million for State Maternal Health Innovation Grants.
• $245 million for the Breast and Cervical Cancer Research Program.
• $523 million for Family Planning and Reproductive Health under Global Health Programs.
• $400 million for Title X Family Planning.
• $585 million for Gender-Specific Care under Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).
• $36 million for the Office on Women’s Health.
• $12 million for the Ovarian Cancer Research Program.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure over $1,196,000,000 for Safety and Equality programs.
• $502 million for Violence Against Women Act Programs.
• $294 million for DoD Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Programs.
• $131 million for the Prevent and Respond to Gender-Based Violence International Program.
• $48 million for Grants to Reduce the Sexual Assault Kit Backlog.
• $34 million for Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence Prevention Programs.
• $175 million for Family Violence / Battered Women’s Shelters.
• $12 million for the Domestic Violence Hotline.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure over $304,000,000 for Education and Empowerment programs.
• $100 million for the Women's Global Development and Prosperity Fund.
• $110 million for the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program.
• $22 million for Women’s Business Centers under Small Business Administration (SBA).
• $17 million for the Women’s Bureau under Department of Labor.