

## Appropriations FY22 Social Media Toolkit

### Repeal the Helms Amendment

Ipas and our partners are ecstatic that, for the first time in nearly 50 years, Congress has taken action to repeal the Helms Amendment by eliminating it from the State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs (SFOPS) appropriations bill. This is history in the making and a major step toward promoting comprehensive sexual and reproductive health care, including abortion care, and to protecting the bodily autonomy of millions of people living thousands of miles from the U.S.

**Hashtags:** #RepealHelms #HelmsHurts #HelmsAmendment

#### **Legislators and Committee Twitter handles:**

House Appropriations: @AppropsDems

Appropriations chair: @Rosa\_DeLauro

SFOPS subcommittee chair: @RepBarbaraLee

Sponsor and co-sponsors of Abortion is Health Care Everywhere Act:

@RepSchakowsky, @RepBarbaraLee, @RepSpeier, @RepPressley, @RepDianaDeGette,

@NormaJTorres, @RepStricklandWA

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#### **Removing the Helms Amendment from SFOPS FY22**

- For decades the Helms Amendment has been included in Congress's SFOPS spending bill, but that is all about to change. This week Congress will vote to remove the #HelmsAmendment from appropriations— for the first time ever. It will be a BIG win for #SRHR globally.
- It's time to put lives over politics: #RepealHelms. This week, Congress will take a giant step forward by voting to remove the #HelmsAmendment from the SFOPS FY22 spending bill. Check out this video and see why Helms has to go. <https://bit.ly/3iySZ7O>
- The #HelmsAmendment:
  - ✗ Violates free speech and the trusted relationship between patients & their doctors
  - ✗ Stigmatizes abortion
  - ✗ Creates unnecessary barriers to #reprohealth careRemoving the #HelmsAmendment from the appropriations bill is a critical step in promoting #SRHR globally.
- Thank you to Congress for prioritizing the #SRHR of people overseas. Everyone—no matter who they are or where they live—must have access to #reprohealth services.

The @AppropsDems bill includes funding for @UNFPA, permanently repeals #GlobalGagRule & eliminates #HelmsAmendment.

- 1/1 Thank you to @RepSchakowsky, @RepBarbaraLee, @RepSpeier, @RepPressley, @RepDianaDeGette, @NormaJTorres, @RepStricklandWA for their leadership. This vote is only possible because of their continuous leadership to #RepealHelms.  
½ Let's keep working to pass the Abortion is Health Care Everywhere Act to fully repeal the #HelmAmendment
- For decades the Helms Amendment has been included in Congress's SFOPS spending bill but that all changed. It's the first time in nearly 40 years that Helms has been removed from appropriations — it's a BIG win for #SRHR globally. ❤️ ❤️ ❤️ ❤️
- It's another step for global #SRHR! Congress passes FY22 SFOPS spending bill & history is made. We are excited about this historic move to:
  - ✓ Eliminate the harmful #HelmsAmendment
  - ✓ Increase funding for @UNFPA
  - ✓ Permanently repeal the #GlobalGagRule
- 🙌🙌🙌 BIG win for #SRHR. The Helms Amendment is excluded from the SFOPS FY22 spending bill for the first time ever! For over 50 years Helms has had a negative effect on the #reprohealth of Black & brown people living overseas - it's good to see it go! 🙌🙌🙌
- ✓ Removing Helms from the spending bill is the first step to protecting the #reprohealth care & bodily autonomy of Black & brown people around the world. Let's keep the momentum going and #RepealHelms once and for all.
- Let's celebrate! Congress voted to pass the SFOPS appropriations bill that eliminates the #HelmsAmendment & lifts the abortion coverage restriction on Peace Corps volunteers. #SRHR
- Removing the #HelmsAmendment is a HUGE win for #SRHR. Now let's go one step further - we urge Congress to pass the Abortion is Health Care Everywhere Act that will permanently #RepealHelms. <https://repealhelms.org/>
- We are one step closer to ensuring Black and brown people living overseas have access to comprehensive #reprohealth care, including abortion. Let's build on this success— Congress must pass the Abortion is Health Care Everywhere Act that will permanently #RepealHelms. <https://repealhelms.org/>
- The #HelmsAmendment allows the US to control the health care & bodily autonomy of Black & brown people around the world. We have to protect global #SRHR and that

means Congress must #RepealHelms and pass the Abortion is Health Care Everywhere Act. <https://repealhelms.org/>