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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.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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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
 12 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2151 et seq.), foreign nongovernmental
 13 organizations—

14 (1) shall not be ineligible for such assistance
 15 solely on the basis of health or medical services, in-

1 including counseling and referral services, provided by
2 such organizations with non-United States Govern-
3 ment funds if such services do not violate the laws
4 of the country in which they are being provided and
5 would not violate United States Federal law if pro-
6 vided in the United States; and

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

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