



The New Zealand All-Party Parliamentary Group

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Dear President Barack Obama,

We are writing in our roles as Chair and Vice-Chair of the New Zealand Parliamentarians' Group on Population and Development (NZPPD) to welcome the landmark decision you and your administration have taken to repeal the Mexico City Policy. The ending of this policy will contribute towards saving millions of lives, as well as promote development and economic growth around the globe.

The NZPPD provides a forum for New Zealand parliamentarians to engage and act on international population and development issues. The group is cross party group, with currently just under 40% of all New Zealand parliamentarians as members. NZPPD works to raise awareness and action on the critical population and development challenges we face in our Pacific region. Many women in the Pacific are still not able to access quality and comprehensive information and services about planning their families, giving birth safely and having healthy relationships. The ending of this policy is a major step towards recognising and addressing these human rights and we send our solidarity and support for the decision.

We would like to thank you for your decision to repeal the Mexico City Policy, and for your ongoing commitment to sexual and reproductive health and rights for all.

Yours sincerely,

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NZPPD Chair

Steve Chadwick
NZPPD Vice-Chair