

Advocate! Be a voice for women and girls around the world!

Contact your local representatives and urge them to denounce violence against women and gender discrimination. The bill **H.J.RES.10** supports the participation, protection, recognition, and equality of women, while denouncing the practices of female genital mutilation, domestic violence, "honor" killings, acid burnings, dowry deaths, and other gender- based persecutions. You can make copies of our letter and get your friends to sign it, or create your own letter using our talking points.

Seventy percent of the 1.5 billion people living on less than a dollar a day are female. One hundred million women are "missing" in the developing world because they are killed before or after birth. About 450 million women suffer from stunted growth as a result of being poorly fed in childhood. In the US 85-95% of all domestic violence victims are female. Women around the world confront forced marriages. UNAIDS notes that a woman's vulnerability to HIV infection is in proportion to her lack of control over the risks of infection.

These stats don't add up.

Join Plan and YUGA in the fight to end discrimination against women by printing H. J. RES. 10, getting your classmates to sign it, and urging your senator to pass this act. It calls for committing states to:

- Insist that congress denounce practices of female genital mutilation, domestic violence, 'honor' killings, acid burning, dowry deaths, and other gender-based persecutions and crimes; insist that women not be trafficked, exploited, or denied the right to education; demand the dismantling of social and institutional mechanisms that perpetuate systemic discrimination against women and girls; and call on governments to pass laws banning these practices and prosecuting those who persecute or violate women and girls.
- Ask that the president seek to promote the rights, health, and empowerment of women in every aspect of their foreign assistance to developing countries, and discourage continued acts of violence against women.
- Recognize that participation, protection, recognition, health, and equality of women and girls are crucial to achieving a just, moral, and peaceful society.

Learn more by reading [H. J. RES. 10](#)

Use our sample letter to write to your congressperson, or use the talking points to write your own. Make sure you fill in the date, correct name and title of your congressperson.

To find your congressperson go to:

Senators — http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm

Representatives — <http://www.house.gov/writerep/>

Get as many signatures as you can and mail them to:

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Dear _____,

Today over 900 million girls and women live on less than a dollar a day, 100 million women are 'missing' in the developing world because they are killed before or after birth and there are 62% more women living with HIV and AIDS than men. These stats don't add up.

Girls and women are discriminated against everyday all over the world. The bill H.J.RES.10 supports the participation, protection, recognition, and equality of women, while denouncing the practices of female genital mutilation, domestic violence, "honor" killings, acid burnings, dowry deaths, and other gender-based persecutions. It calls for committing states to:

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By supporting bill H.J.RES.10 the United States can ensure that violence and discrimination against women in our country and around the world will be greatly decreased and that we can look to a brighter future with a vision of equality.

This issue is very important to me and I urge you to take action and support bill H.J.RES.10.

I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

Name Date City, State

WHAT'S YOUR WORLD VIEW?