



# IANGEL 2020 ADVOCACY



## GLOBAL HER ACT

**FEBRUARY**

The Global Health, Empowerment and Rights Act would permanently repeal the Global Gag Rule preventing foreign NGOs from receiving U.S. funding if they use their own funds to provide, refer, counsel or advocate for abortion. In response to the expansion of the Global Gag Rule, we joined in the submission of a Statement to the House Foreign Affairs Committee in support of the HER Act pointing out the unique challenges women face in global health.

## FY 2021 STATE, FOREIGN & RELATED PROGRAMS OPERATIONS BILL

**FEBRUARY AND MARCH**

We wrote to Congressmembers with new funding proposals for fiscal year 2021 in order to ensure the Gender Equality portion of this bill included funding to address gender based violence, end child marriage, and empower young girls

## PROP 16

**APRIL**

This California proposition that will appear on the November ballot, aims to create equal work and educational opportunities for women and people of color. We endorsed the legislation to get this proposition on the ballot and support the proposition to restore affirmative action in public contracting, public employment, and public education. [Read more here.](#)

## DV SURVIVORS ASYLUM PROTECTION

**APRIL**

182 organizations, including IANGEL, signed a letter to Secretary of Homeland Security Chad Wolf to protect domestic violence survivors with the goal of ensuring that those who are most vulnerable during this pandemic are permitted to come to the United States. We are also submitting a public comment opposing the proposed immigration regulation that would effectively end gender-based asylum.

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING RISK IN CA

**APRIL**

In response to new challenges posed to human trafficking victims during COVID-19, we wrote a letter to Governor Newsom to allocate funding for current Cal-OES grantees and a statewide hotline.

## U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT COMMISSION ON UNALIENABLE RIGHTS

**APRIL**

Signed onto letter asking the CUR to reject the prioritization of freedom of religion as a cloak that permits violations of the human rights of women, girls, and LGBT+ people.

## AMICUS BRIEF SUPPORT FOR ACA

**MAY**

We joined the National Women's Law Center's brief as amici curiae to explain the devastating impact that striking down the ACA would have on women and their families -- and particularly on women and families of color. The brief emphasized that the COVID-19 pandemic and impending economic recession make the ACA's protections even more critical for women's health and economic security.

## UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW

**MAY**

During this global health crisis, human rights must remain a priority. We want to ensure that the UPR, a process which involves a review of the human rights records of all UN Member States, evaluates all state practices and highlights gaps in human rights that disparately impact women and girls.