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ERLC Priorities for the Incoming Trump Administration

In a [letter](#) to the Trump transition team, the ERLC urged President Donald Trump to prioritize in its first 100 days reinstating pro-life policies, reinforcing a commitment to religious liberty, and reversing harmful regulations created by the Biden administration.

1

Reinforce policies that ensure the government does not fund abortion.

The [Hyde Amendment](#) and similar provisions ensure that the federal government cannot directly fund abortion.

Each year during the appropriations process, there is a risk that these pro-life provisions will not be included for the upcoming fiscal year. The ERLC asks the Trump administration to affirm continued support for these pro-life policies upon taking office.

2

Withhold government funding for abortion providers, domestically and abroad.

Several government programs, such as USAID and Title X, provide contracts or grants to entities for family planning and related projects. The ERLC asks the Trump administration to reinstate the [Protecting Life in Global Health Assistance Policy](#) (formerly known as the Mexico City Policy) and [similar Title X policies](#), which barred entities that perform or counsel for abortions domestically and abroad from receiving government funds.

3

Revoke President Biden’s executive order directing agencies to implement radical gender and sexuality policies.

The ERLC asks the Trump administration to undo a harmful executive order (EO), [“Preventing and Combating Discrimination on the Basis of Gender Identity or Sexual Orientation,”](#) signed by President Biden. This EO directed each federal agency to develop new policies that promote “gender transitions” and violate religious liberty to support unbiblical views of gender and sexuality.

4

Rescind the anti-life, anti-religious liberty, and pro-gender ideology policies advanced by the Biden administration.

The ERLC asks the Trump administration to undo several federal rules finalized by the Biden administration to uphold religious liberty, empower parents, and shield children from dangerous gender ideology, starting by:

- revoking rules that [require coverage of “transgender” surgeries and procedures,](#)
- undoing rules that [redefine Title IX to include sexual orientation and gender identity,](#) and
- repealing rules that [prohibit parents with biblical beliefs on gender and sexuality](#) from fostering children in need.

5

Reverse the Biden administration’s actions that expanded “access” to the abortion pill.

Despite the fact that [1 in 5 women](#) who take the chemical abortion drug mifepristone experience medical complications, the Biden administration took [several steps](#) to expand “access” to the drug by allowing it be prescribed through telehealth and available at local pharmacies. The ERLC looks forward to the day the abortion pill is prohibited entirely and asks the Trump administration, at a minimum, to reverse these actions which have cost preborn lives and threatened the health and safety of women.

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