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Expressing support for the Geneva Consensus Declaration on Promoting Women’s Health and Strengthening the Family and urging that the United States rejoin this historic declaration.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. DAINES submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing support for the Geneva Consensus Declaration on Promoting Women’s Health and Strengthening the Family and urging that the United States rejoin this historic declaration.

Whereas the United States strongly supports women reaching the highest attainable outcomes for health, life, dignity, and well-being throughout their lives;

Whereas the historic coalition that issued the Geneva Consensus Declaration on Promoting Women’s Health and Strengthening the Family (in this preamble referred to as the “Geneva Consensus Declaration”) was formed by a diverse group of countries committed to charting a more positive path to advance the health of women, protecting the family as foundational to any healthy society, affirm-

ing the value of life in all stages of development, and upholding the sovereign right of countries to make their own laws to advance those core values, without external pressure;

Whereas the Geneva Consensus Declaration was signed on October 22, 2020, by 32 countries from every region of the world, representing more than 1,600,000,000 people, which committed to working together on the core pillars enshrined in the Declaration, and 39 countries are now part of this coalition;

Whereas the United States was the lead cosponsor of the Geneva Consensus Declaration during the presidency of Donald J. Trump;

Whereas, although President Joseph R. Biden removed the United States as a signatory to the Geneva Consensus Declaration, at least temporarily, longstanding Federal laws that prohibit the United States from conducting or funding abortions, abortion lobbying, or coercive family planning in foreign countries remain in effect;

Whereas the Geneva Consensus Declaration reaffirms that “all are equal before the law” and “human rights of women are an inalienable, integral, and indivisible part of all human rights and fundamental freedoms”;

Whereas the Geneva Consensus Declaration reaffirms the inherent “dignity and worth of the human person” and that “every human being has the inherent right to life”;

Whereas the Geneva Consensus Declaration reaffirms that “there is no international right to abortion, nor any international obligation on the part of States to finance or facilitate abortion”;

Whereas the Geneva Consensus Declaration reaffirms that “the family is the natural and fundamental group unit of society and is entitled to protection by society and the State”; and

Whereas the Geneva Consensus Declaration coalition strengthens the collective voice of the signatory countries and prevents any country from being intimidated, isolated, or muted on the core values expressed in the Declaration: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*
2 *concurring), That Congress—*

3 (1) affirms the commitments to improving
4 health for women and protecting life and the family
5 made in the Geneva Consensus Declaration on Pro-
6 moting Women’s Health and Strengthening the
7 Family (in this resolution referred to as the “Geneva
8 Consensus Declaration”) and applauds the signatory
9 countries for their dedication to advancing women’s
10 health, protecting life at every stage while affirming
11 that there is no international right to abortion, and
12 upholding the importance of the family as
13 foundational to society;

14 (2) declares that the principles affirming wom-
15 en’s health, the dignity of every life, and the family
16 recognized by the Geneva Consensus Declaration re-
17 main universally valid;

1 (3) welcomes opportunities to strengthen sup-
2 port for the Geneva Consensus Declaration;

3 (4) will defend the sovereignty of every country
4 to adopt national policies that promote women's
5 health, protect the right to life, and strengthen the
6 family, as enshrined in the Geneva Consensus Dec-
7 laration;

8 (5) will work with the executive branch to en-
9 sure that the United States does not conduct or
10 fund abortions, abortion lobbying, or coercive family
11 planning in foreign countries, consistent with long-
12 standing Federal law; and

13 (6) urges the signatory countries to the Geneva
14 Consensus Declaration to defend the universal prin-
15 ciples affirming the value of every life and the family
16 expressed in the Declaration.