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Subcommittee on Health

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H.R. 2975, The Women's Health Protection Act

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Dear Chairman Pallone, Chairwoman Eshoo, Ranking Member Burgess, and Members of the Subcommittee:

This testimony is submitted in support of H.R. 2975, The Women's Health Protection Act.

Seventh Generation is the nation's leading brand of household and personal care products designed to help protect human health and the environment. Established in 1988, our Burlington, Vermont based company employs over 150 people, distributing products to natural food retailers, supermarkets, mass merchants, and online retailers across the United States and more than 20 other countries. Our company is dedicated to advancing and protecting the health, including reproductive health, of all individuals. This is why we support H.R. 2975, the Women's Health Protection Act.

Access to comprehensive reproductive health care is essential to people's health, well-being, and ability to participate equally in their communities. As the U.S. Supreme Court has repeatedly affirmed—most recently in 2016—abortion is a fundamental right and that undue burdens on access violate the Constitution.

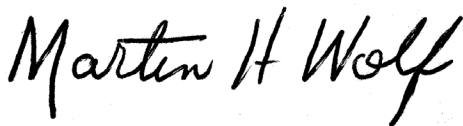
Anti-abortion politicians in some states continue to push increasingly extreme and harmful laws that single out abortion care for restrictions that do not apply to similar health care procedures. These laws delay and, in some cases, block access to care. Everyone deserves the ability to make personal health decisions and seek safe reproductive health care, including abortion services.

The Women's Health Protection Act would safeguard the right to access safe reproductive health care, and prevent medically unnecessary restrictions and bans on abortion. Passing this bill would ensure that the right to reproductive health services, including abortion, is a reality for people everywhere.

Restrictions on reproductive health care, including abortion, are counter to our company's values and our commitment to fostering an equitable workplace. Workers' ability to remain productive members of the workforce depends on their good health, including their reproductive health. Health care restrictions, including abortion bans, put workers' health at risk, especially for women of color and the LGBTQ community. Seventh Generation supports the Women's Health Protection Act because comprehensive reproductive care is critical to the well-being of our employees, our company, and the broader economy.

We commend this committee for holding a hearing on this critical piece of legislation and support the committee's recommendation of the bill for passage.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Martin H Wolf". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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