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S. 2539

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 26, 2023

Mr. LANKFORD (for himself, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. HAGERTY, and Mrs. BLACKBURN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Prevent Discrimination
5 in Title X Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON DISCRIMINATION.**

2 Section 1006 of the Public Health Service Act (42
3 U.S.C. 300a-4) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
4 lowing:

5 “(e) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the
6 Secretary may not require any State, individual, or other
7 entity to counsel or refer for abortions as a condition for
8 receiving funding under this title.”.

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