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Rep. Frankel Bill to Keep Girls Around the World in School Passes House



Yesterday, Rep. Frankel spoke on the House floor in support of her bipartisan bill, the *Keeping Girls in School Act*, which will give the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) innovative tools and new approaches to address and reduce barriers keeping girls from school at the secondary level worldwide.

The bill passed the House by a voice vote and now awaits consideration in the Senate.

Below is an excerpt from Rep. Frankel's remarks on the House floor:

"Why should Americans even care that there are 130 million girls around the world that are kept out of school?"

That a young girl in a Malawi village is too frightened to walk miles to a secondary school for fear of sexual assault.

Or that a 12-year-old girl in Mozambique is forced to marry and denied schooling.

Or hundreds of girls are kidnapped from school by Boko Haram terrorists who believe women should be cooks or sex slaves.

Or care about a 14-year-old in Pakistan, Malala Yousafzai, shot in the head by the Taliban because she wanted girls to be educated.

So why should Americans care that there are 130 million girls around the world that are kept out of school? Madam speaker, there are 130 million reasons to care.”

[Click here](#) to watch her full speech.

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