

THE BORGEN PROJECT



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Celebrating the Reintroduction of the Keeping Girls in School Act of 2021 to Congress

TACOMA, Washington — The Borgen Project celebrates the reintroduction of the Keeping Girls in School Act of 2021 in Congress. This bill is integral to the advancement of female empowerment, and the promotion of girls' education and safety by resolving barriers to education, establishing safe educational environments and creating opportunities for adolescent girls to further their education despite their circumstances.

In the fight against global poverty, The Borgen Project understands how socioeconomic, health and cultural factors as well as civil unrest have severely impacted the education of adolescent girls worldwide. The effects of the COVID-19 pandemic have further altered girls' access to quality secondary education; the U.N. estimates that as many as 11 million girls will not return to school as a result of the pandemic.

Girls' education is vital to strengthening local communities, promoting gender equality, stimulating economic growth and alleviating global poverty. In order to help ensure adolescent girls receive a quality secondary education, the Keeping Girls in School Act requires that the Department of State and USAID update the U.S. Global Strategy to Empower Adolescent Girls and enter into results-based and traditional grant project proposals to reduce the barriers girls face in accessing quality secondary education. The bill also employs evaluation strategies to ensure that programs significantly close the gender gap in secondary education.

The Keeping Girls in School Act was reintroduced in the Senate by Senator Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) and in the House of Representatives by Congresswoman Lois Frankel (D-FL). In order for the legislation to become law, the bill must be released by the respective committees, receive a majority vote to pass in the House and Senate and then signed by President Biden.

The Borgen Project urges individuals to contact their congressional representatives and ask them to cosponsor and support the Keeping Girls in School Act. In the wake of this global unprecedented crisis, the developmental community must band together to alleviate the additional barriers placed on vulnerable groups. Speak out for girls' education today to ensure adolescent girls worldwide receive the educational opportunities that will allow them to prosper, contribute to their communities and make an impact on the world.

About The Borgen Project

[The Borgen Project](#) is a nonprofit working at the political level to advance international development policies and programs to alleviate global poverty. Founded in 2003 by Clint Borgen, The Borgen Project has mobilized people around the world to make anti-poverty efforts a political priority, building awareness of global poverty and its effects on the international community to U.S. Congressional leaders and citizens alike. The Borgen Project currently has campaigns and volunteers in more than 1,952 cities and continues to expand its reach.

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