

Dear Congressman;

I am writing this to express my grave concern on the bill at the verge of being passed that would ban abortion, same-sex marriage and inclusive sex education, directly threatening the rights of girls, women, and LGBTI people, their lives and their families.

The bill intends to modify the Penal Code to harden penalties in cases of abortion and criminalise women even in cases of natural death of the foetus. These provisions put at risk the health and lives of women and girls by denying them lifesaving healthcare. It would extend the criminalisation of abortion to situations of miscarriage, stillbirth and obstetric complications, and impose prison sentences on anyone who “promotes or facilitates access to abortion”, moving Guatemala backwards in terms of abortion rights.

I should be urging Guatemalan legislators to vote against the bill 5272 and say no to a discriminatory law and asking the Guatemala Congress to work on a bill that would move forward the protection of human rights for girls, women and LGBTI people.

Your attention on this matter would be highly appreciated.

Sincerely,