

SENATE RESOLUTION

8699

By Senators Keiser, Fraser, Jayapal, Liiias, Billig, Rolfes, Conway, Frockt, Fain, Cleveland, Pedersen, Nelson, and Chase

1 WHEREAS, All Washington residents seeking health care have the  
2 right to access their provider of choice without fear of violence or  
3 intimidation; and

4 WHEREAS, Between June 2015 and December 2015, arson, vandalism,  
5 threats, and harassment have increased at health centers for women,  
6 including:

7 (1) A firebombing at a women's health center in Pullman,  
8 Washington in September 2015; and

9 (2) An attack by a gunman at a women's health center in Colorado  
10 Springs, Colorado on November 27, 2015, resulting in the tragic death  
11 of three individuals and injury of another nine people; and

12 WHEREAS, Extreme rhetoric can contribute to a climate that is  
13 dangerous for those who provide or access comprehensive women's  
14 health care services; and

15 WHEREAS, A high proportion of people of color rely on  
16 reproductive health centers and are therefore disproportionately  
17 impacted by attacks on centers that provide these health care  
18 services; and

19 WHEREAS, 3,000 patients had their access to health care  
20 threatened as the clinic in Pullman, Washington was forced to spend a  
21 quarter-million dollars on six months of rebuilding after having  
22 their facility firebombed; and

1           WHEREAS, The right of citizens to make their own health care  
2 decisions is well established;

3           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State  
4 Senate condemn acts of violence against women's health care  
5 clinics and providers, and their patients, families, and  
6 supporters; and

7           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all people in Washington state  
8 should be able to access health care without fear of violence,  
9 intimidation, or harassment.

10          I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate,  
11 do hereby certify that this is a true and  
12 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8699,  
13 adopted by the Senate  
14 January 28, 2016

15          HUNTER G. GOODMAN  
16          Secretary of the Senate