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**STATEMENT FROM HEALTH COMMISSIONER OXIRIS BARBOT ABOUT THE
TITLE X GAG RULE**

“Women’s reproductive health is under siege in Washington. The Title X gag rule to remove funding from clinics that provide a range of critical reproductive health services, including abortion, will turn back the clock decades in providing health care for women. This rule will deny millions of dollars that support a broad range of health services to over 4 million people every year across the country. In New York City, we will continue to protect women’s fundamental right to control their reproductive health, including comprehensive sexual health education, contraception, cancer screenings, STI testing and treatment, as well as access to safe abortions. We stand with Planned Parenthood and other providers affected by this misguided rule. Now is the time to come together and fight for our reproductive freedom. #NoGagRule”

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