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Letter to the Editor

**Re: Abortion as part of Maternal Health
Discussions at the G8 Summit**

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Backlash Question Important

Access to family planning and abortion is a significant women's health issue, both domestically and internationally. It is undeniably an appropriate focus for a G8 conference in which maternal health is a theme. Women's health and access to crucial medical procedures such as abortion are not fodder for political gamesmanship and concerned citizens and organizations should not be punished for saying so. We hope Senator Ruth is indeed wrong that there will be a backlash. And now all eyes will be on the Conservative government to make sure there isn't one.

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