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# ***TAKING ACTION:***

*Restoring Health Databases and  
Resources for Underserved and  
Vulnerable Populations*

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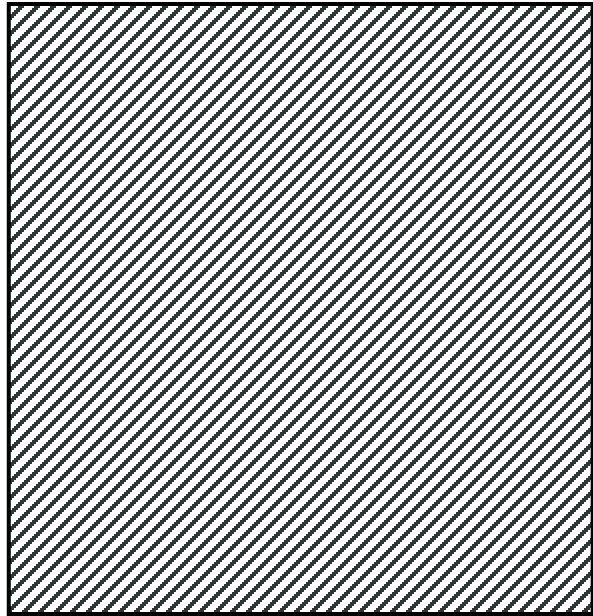
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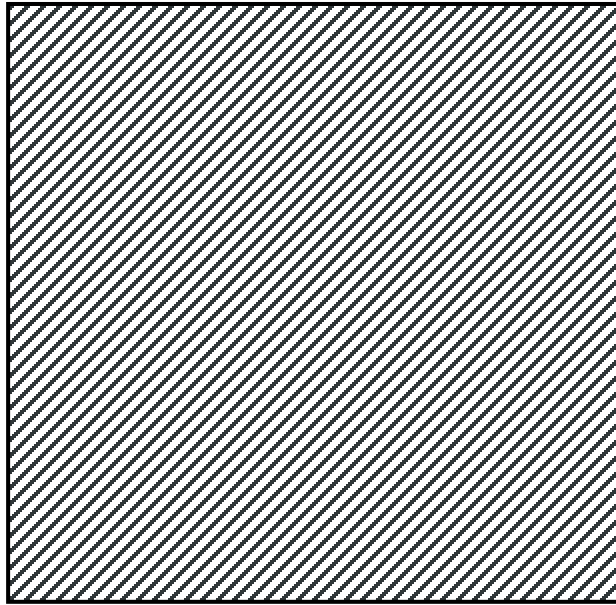
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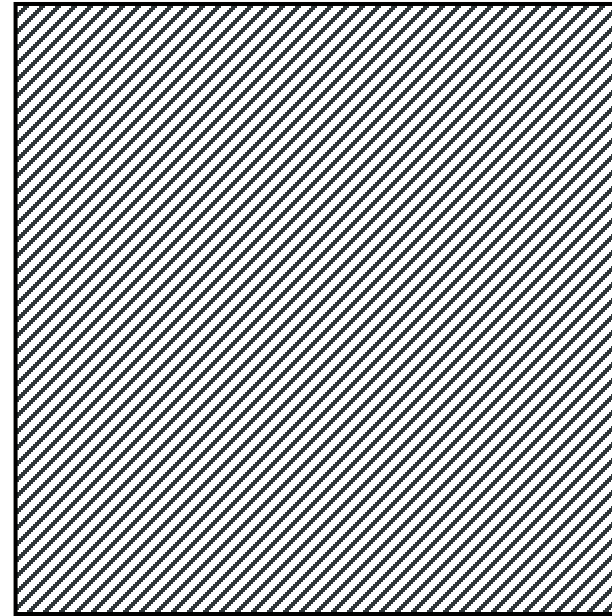
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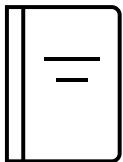
**LEGISLATIVE**



**REGULATORY**



**PUBLIC/GRASSROOTS**



## Reimagine Advocacy Methods





## The Problem

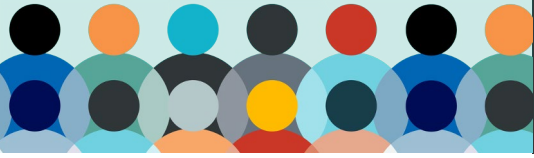
**Jan 2025 Executive Orders (EO) targeting:**

- Gender ideology
- Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion (DEI)

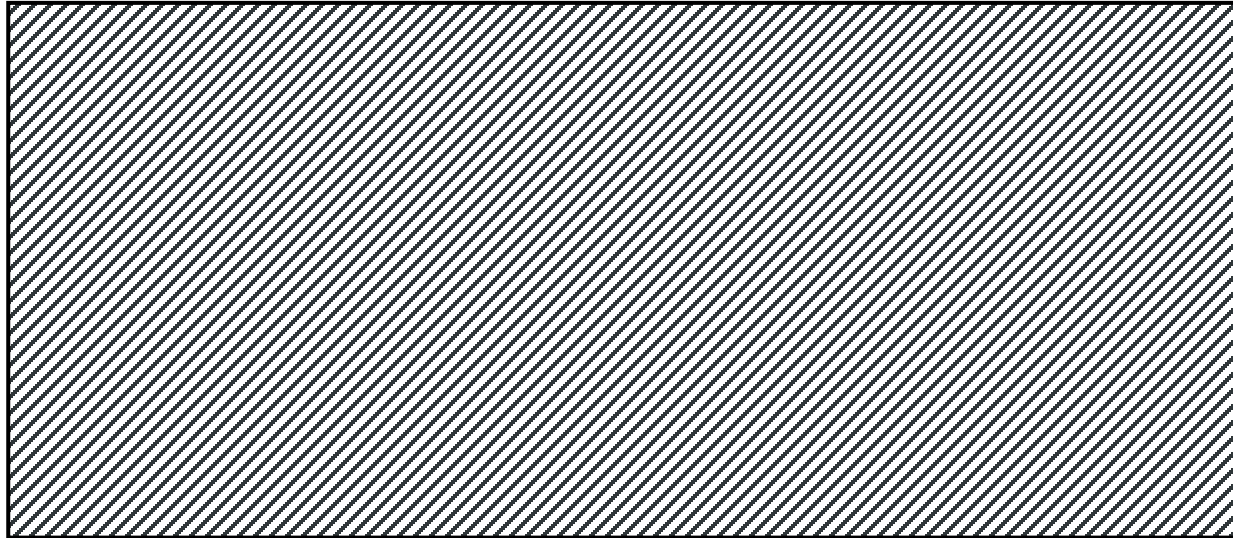
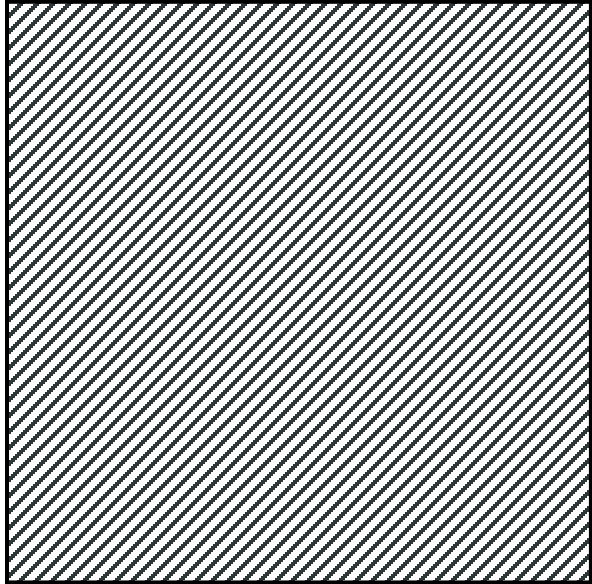
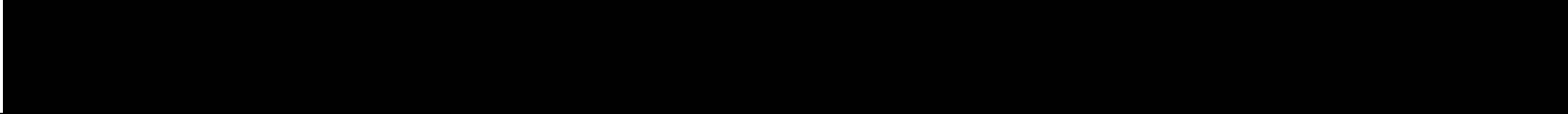


**Deleted databases & health resources related to:**

- Pregnancy risks
- Public health datasets
- LGBTQIA+ health resources
- HIV Risk Reduction Tool
- Substance use treatment



## Data Scrubs and Disclaimers





# Disrupt: Pushing Back

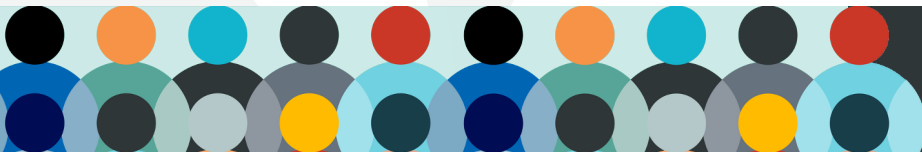
- Opportunity to join lawsuit in coalition with 8 other organizations
  - WSMA, et al. v. Kennedy, et al.
  - American Association of Nurses in AIDS Care, an ANA Organizational Affiliate, joined
- Filed by Perkins Coie
  - Seattle-based law firm targeted by EOs and DOJ.
  - Filed a counter-suit against DOJ and won



## Making the Decision

- Practical considerations
  - Organizational risk
  - Personal exposure
  - Likelihood of success
  - Impact on members
  - Possibility of retaliation
  - Coalition partners
- Ethical considerations
  - Code of Ethics
  - No action --> Obeying in advance
  - Defend our profession
  - Protect our patients
  - Leverage our public trust
  - Tell our stories: Actual impact of EOs

# The Problem:



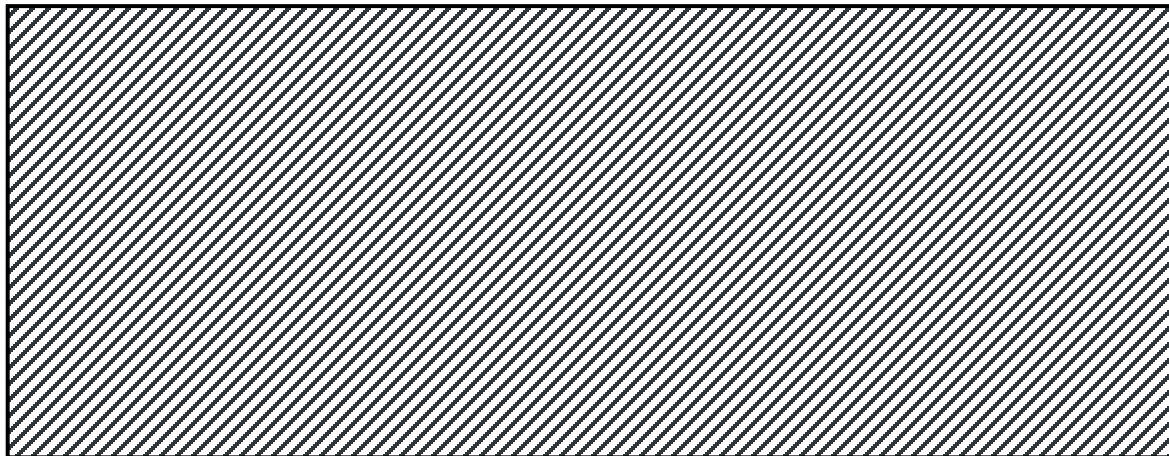
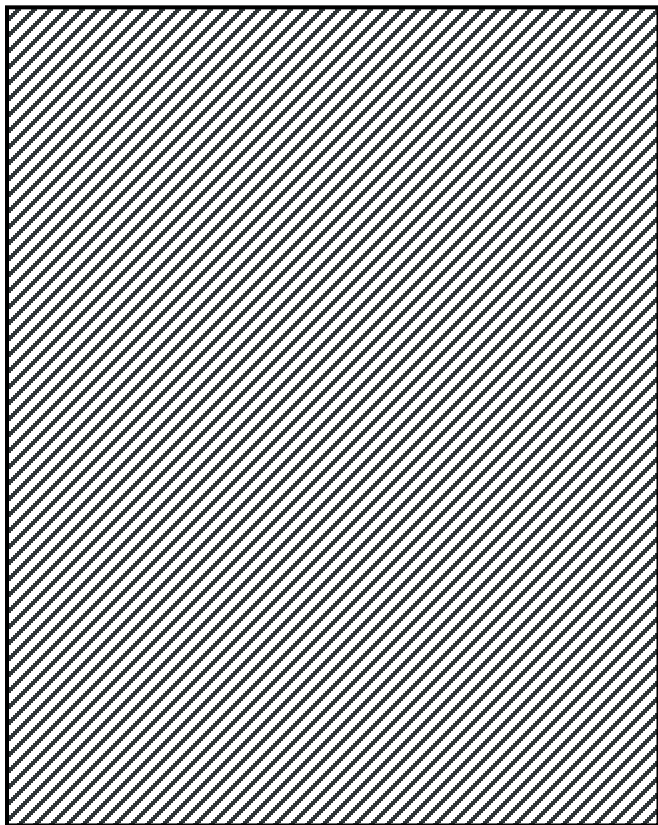
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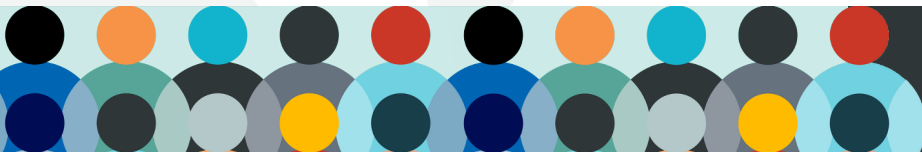
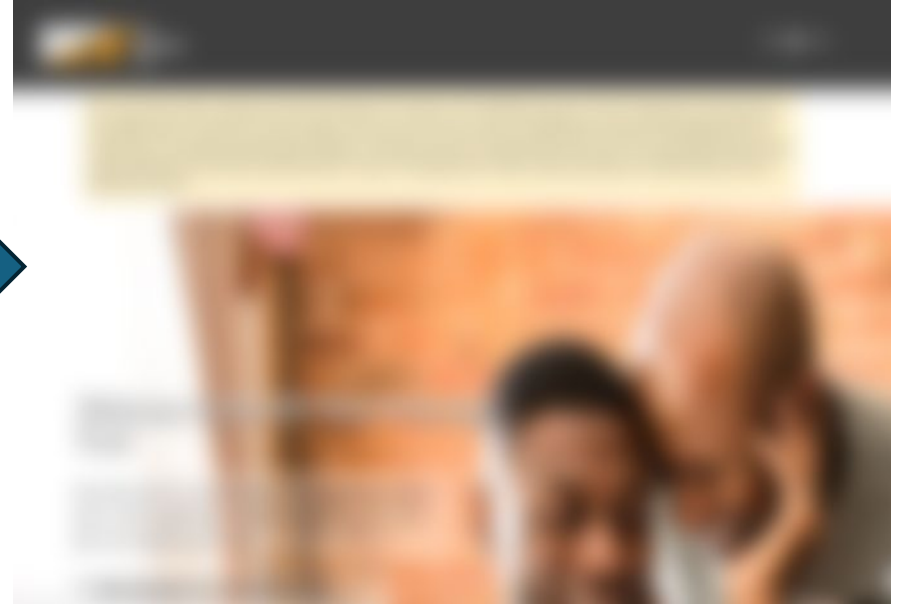
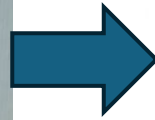
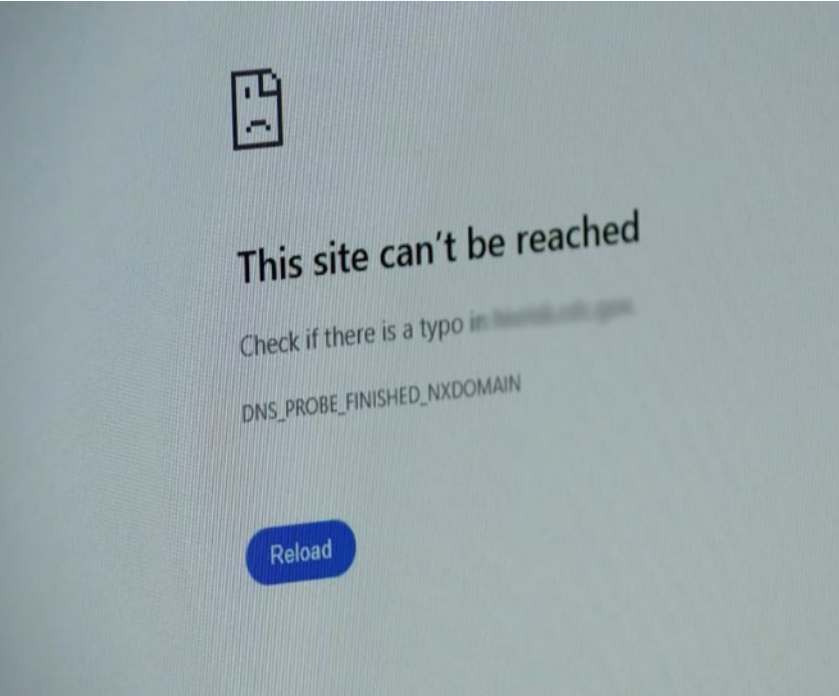


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# Impact of Taking Action



# Moving Forward

- We must think creatively, and move forward with courage when we face direct challenges for our patients and our profession
- Counter misinformation, disinformation, malinformation by:
  - Speaking truth to power even when difficult
  - Telling our stories
  - Tolerate more short-term risk when we lead with our values
  - Follow our Code of Ethics



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