

February 16, 2022

Dear President Biden:

People's access to abortion in this country is in crisis, with attacks coming constantly from all levels ranging from the Supreme Court to state and local governments. That's why it is imperative that everyone, from the White House to Congress to state and municipal governments to local communities, work hard to protect and expand abortion access.

As you prepare for the State of the Union, we urge you to be clear that protecting abortion access is of paramount importance given both the ongoing crisis in Texas and the likelihood that the Supreme Court will further decimate the constitutional right to abortion later this year. We also urge you to reiterate your support for the Women's Health Protection Act, critical legislation that would establish a right to abortion throughout the United States and help to guard against the abortion bans and other medically unnecessary abortion restrictions being advanced and enacted by state politicians across the country.

We appreciate your clear call for a ["whole-of-government"](#) response to the dire state of abortion access in Texas. Indeed, it is critical that all parts of the administration work tirelessly to protect abortion access in the face of ever increasing threat, building on the work of Vice President Harris, the Department of Justice, Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Becerra and his staff, and the White House Gender Policy Council, work tirelessly to protect abortion access in the face of ever increasing threats.

We also applaud you for releasing the first ever [National Strategy on Gender Equity and Equality](#) which recognizes: "Health care is a right—not a privilege. All people deserve access to high-quality, affordable health care, regardless of their zip code, income, ethnicity, race, or any other factor."

However, March 1 will mark six months since Texas' harmful and unconstitutional abortion ban (S.B. 8) went into effect, with no end in sight. Each and every day since last September 1, people like [Madi](#) and [Jasmine](#) are [forced](#) to spend time and money to travel outside of Texas to access abortion. Many others have been left with no choice but to carry pregnancies against their will.

In addition, for many Texans — especially immigrants, Black, Latino, Asian American and Pacific Islander, and Indigenous communities, particularly those with low incomes — abortion was already a right in name only. S.B. 8 has decimated what little access remained.

It's not just Texas policymakers who are undermining access to health care. [State lawmakers](#) in at least 37 states, [up from 29 at the end of January](#), have been emboldened to try to cut off access to abortion and have already filed more than 200 bills restricting abortion during the 2022 legislative sessions. Politicians in Idaho, Florida, Arizona, Ohio, Wisconsin, Alabama,

Oklahoma, Maryland, Minnesota, and Missouri have introduced S.B. 8 copycat bills with Texas-style private right-of-action provisions.

And with the Supreme Court poised to potentially overturn *Roe v. Wade* when they rule on *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* this summer, we are staring down a future where basic access to abortion and other reproductive health care will almost certainly depend on what state you live in.

If *Roe* is overturned, approximately half the states, mostly in the South and Midwest, are poised to ban abortion; millions of people who can become pregnant could lose abortion access, including 36 million women — nearly half of the women of reproductive age (18-49) in the United States.

People across the country are outraged by the attacks on their sexual and reproductive health care, including abortion. [Poll after poll](#), including [CNN's](#) and [FOX News'](#) new polls, reiterate that there is broad support for abortion rights and that *Roe v. Wade* should not be overturned. An overwhelming majority of Americans support the right to abortion across the political spectrum; it is far from the “divisive” issue that some claim it to be.

[CNN](#) (Conducted Jan. 13-18, 2022)

- 85% of Democrats, 72% of Independents, and 44% of Republicans do not want the Supreme Court to overturn *Roe*.
- The majority of Americans say that if *Roe v. Wade* were overturned, they'd like their state to set laws that are more permissive than restrictive toward abortion.
- The majority of Americans would like to see their state become a "safe haven" for women who want abortions but can't get them where they live.

[Fox News](#) (Conducted Dec. 15, 2021)

- Over half of Republicans (53%) joined majorities of Democrats (77%) and independents (64%) in saying *Roe* should remain the law of the land.
- Seven in 10 white Catholics (72%) and about half of white evangelical Christians (49%) also said the decision should stand.

[Gallup Poll](#) (Conducted May 3-18, 2021)¹

- 80% of the American public think abortion should be legal.

We are hopeful you will make a forceful case to the American public about the administration's efforts to protect abortion access in the face of unprecedented attacks.

¹ Similarly only [20% of respondents](#) think the government should regulate abortion.

SIGNED:

A Woman's Choice of Charlotte,
Greensboro, Raleigh, and Jacksonville
Abortion Access Front
Abortion Care Network
Access Reproductive Care
(ARC)-Southeast
ACCESS Reproductive Justice
Advocates for Youth
All-Options
All* Above All Action Fund
American Civil Liberties Union
American Humanist Association
American Muslim Bar Association (AMBA)
American Society for Reproductive
Medicine
Amnesty International USA
Avow
Black Women for Wellness
Black Women for Wellness Action Project
Catholics for Choice
Center for Reproductive Rights
Chicago Abortion Fund
Cobalt
Collective Power for Reproductive Justice
EMAA Project
Equality Labs
Feminist Majority Foundation
Feminist Women's Health Center
Florida Access Network
Fòs Feminista
Freedom From Religion Foundation
Frontera Fund
Fund Texas Choice
Gender Justice
Global Justice Center
Grandmothers for Reproductive Rights
(GRR!)
Guttmacher Institute
HEART Women & Girls
Heartland Alliance International
Hope Clinic for Women
Human Impact Partners

Ibis Reproductive Health
If/When/How: Lawyering for Reproductive
Justice
In Our Own Voice: National Black Women's
Reproductive Justice Agenda
Ipas
Jane's Due Process
Jewish Women International
Just The Pill/Abortion Delivered
Justice for Muslims Collective
Lilith Fund
Love Me Unlimited 4 Life
Mabel Wadsworth Center
Miscarriage + Abortion Hotline
Ms. Foundation for Women
NARAL Pro-Choice America
National Abortion Federation
National Advocates for Pregnant Women
National Asian Pacific American Women's
Forum (NAPAWF)
National Birth Equity Collaborative
National Center for Lesbian Rights
National Council of Jewish Women
National Council of Jewish Women Greater
Dallas
National Family Planning & Reproductive
Health Association
National Health Law Program
National Institute for Reproductive Health
National Latina Institute for Reproductive
Justice
National Network of Abortion Funds
National Organization for Women
National Partnership for Women & Families
National Women's Health Network
National Women's Law Center
Nebraska Abortion Resources (NEAR)
New Mexico Religious Coalition for
Reproductive Choice
New Orleans Abortion Fund
New River Abortion Access Fund
Northland Family Planning Centers

NWAAF
PAI
Pathfinder International
People For the American Way
Physicians for Reproductive Health
Planned Parenthood Federation of America
Population Institute
Power to Decide
Pregnancy Options WI: Education,
Resources & Support, Inc.
Pro-Choice Connecticut
Pro-Choice Maryland
Pro-Choice Missouri
Pro-Choice North Carolina
Pro-Choice Ohio
Pro-Choice Oregon
Pro-Choice Virginia
Pro-Choice Washington
Queer Crescent
Reclaim/ MI WIN Abortion Fund
Reproaction
Reproductive Equity Now
Reproductive Health Access Project
Rhia Ventures
Right By You
SHERo Mississippi

SIECUS: Sex Ed for Social Change
SisterLove Inc.
SisterSong: Women of Color Reproductive
Justice Collective
Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine
State Innovation Exchange (SiX)
Supermajority
Tampa Bay Access Force, Inc.
Texas Equal Access Fund
The Afiya Center
The Womxn Project
UltraViolet
Union for Reform Judaism
URGE: Unite for Reproductive & Gender
Equity
We Testify
White Ribbon Alliance
Whole Woman's Health Alliance
Women of Reform Judaism
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Women's Medical Fund, Inc.
Women's March
Yellowhammer Fund
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