

# North Carolina NOW

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Dear Friend:

I am outraged! This year the radical right rammed through its legislative agenda week after week. With the support of Governor McCrory, bill after terrible bill passed the General Assembly and became law while thousands of citizens protested and more than nine hundred were arrested. **Every week the Moral Monday protests grew larger, and every week the damage to our most vulnerable citizens was compounded.**

**Women were hit especially hard.** With no public notice whatsoever, an extensive omnibus abortion bill was tacked on to a totally unrelated bill dealing with Sharia law in a Senate committee. The rules were suspended so that the bill could be rammed through hours later. In the House, the bill was tacked on to another unrelated bill dealing with motorcycle safety, where it quickly acquired the nickname **Motorcycle Vagina** bill.

Breaking a campaign pledge not to approve any new restrictions on abortion, Governor McCrory signed an omnibus abortion that

- placed severe **restrictions on insurance coverage** for abortion in plans offered through the federal exchange and in health plans for city and county employees
- imposed new and unnecessary **restrictions on doctors** performing either surgical or medical abortions
- imposed new, expensive and unnecessary **restrictions on clinics that could result in closing all clinics in North Carolina but one.**

Moral Monday protests had targeted this law and it is being challenged in court. But we need you to help keep up the momentum by signing on to the NC NOW pro-choice signature ad commemorating the anniversary of the landmark *Roe v. Wade* decision.

The two-page ad will run in the centerfold of the 22 January 2014 edition of the *Independent Weekly*, a weekly newspaper serving the Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill area. The exact wording of the ad will read:

**“We, the undersigned, support women’s right to safe, legal and accessible birth control and abortion. We condemn acts of violence and intimidation directed at women and their health care providers. We agree that these rights extend to all women regardless of economic status and, as taxpayers, affirm our support for family planning services and funding for abortions for indigent women.”**

Copies of the ad will be distributed to all members of the NC General Assembly shortly after the legislative session begins in May.

Please fill out and return the form on the back of this letter along with your contribution today. If you do not want your name to appear in the ad, indicate your wish on the form. Please be as generous as you can. We deeply appreciate your support.

For NC NOW,



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**Defend Women's Rights--  
Sign Up Today!**

**SIGN UP FOR CHOICE!**

*"We the undersigned, support a woman's right to safe, legal, and accessible birth control and abortion.  
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We agree that these rights extend to all women regardless of economic status, and,  
as taxpayers, affirm our support for family planning services and for abortions for indigent women."*

- YES, I want my name in the ad (print name below as it should appear).  
 NO, I don't want my name to appear, but I want to help.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

DAY PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EVENING PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my donation for the Pro-Choice Signature Ad:

\$500    \$250    \$100    \$50    \$35    \$25    \$10    Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is an additional donation to support the NC Women's Lobby:

\$500    \$250    \$100    \$50    \$35    \$25    \$10    Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Visa   Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

MasterCard   Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Make check payable to NC NOW and mail to: NC NOW, P.O. Box 24995, Raleigh, NC 27611**

**Mail by 8 January 2014 to insure that your name is printed in the ad.**

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