

North Carolina NOW

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Dear Friend,

The N. C. General Assembly will begin the long session in January, and women's reproductive rights will again be on the line. More than anything else, we need to send our message loud and clear—**We won't go back!**

Many people know about the role ALEC (the American Legislative Exchange Council) plays in moving the hard right's economic agenda. But fewer know that there is an ALEC-like organization devoted exclusively to destroying women's reproductive rights. The organization is Americans United for Life (AUL), and their website explicitly sets forth both their agenda and how they work with state legislators across the nation.

Clearly, certain North Carolina legislators are working hand in glove with AUL. The AUL agenda was reflected here in bills to defund Planned Parenthood, in bills to set unreasonable "safety" standards designed to shut down clinics, and in unnecessary restrictions on doctors intended to block women's access to abortion services. This year AUL is pushing state laws banning abortion after 20 weeks and personhood amendments to state constitutions that will have the effect of giving a fetus at any stage of development more rights than a pregnant woman.

But the restrictive laws law passed since 2011 created a huge popular backlash and a long list of lawsuits to block the most outrageous provisions. Support for women's reproductive rights has been a key component of the weekly Moral Monday demonstrations. We need to make certain that our state legislators know that our eyes are still on them and that our resolve has only strengthened under these attacks. And you can help send that message.

A signature ad demonstrates popular support for an issue. At the same time a signature ad tells those who want to undermine women's reproductive rights that there is a strong and organized opposition to their position.

The two-page ad will run in the centerfold of the January 21, 2015 edition of the *Indy Weekly*, a 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 public funding for family planning services and funding for abortions for indigent women."

North Carolina NOW volunteers will deliver a copy of the ad to every legislator shortly after the legislative session begins in January.

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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**We won't go back!
Send the message now!**

SIGN UP FOR CHOICE!

*"We the undersigned, support a woman's right to safe, legal, and accessible birth control and abortion.
We condemn the 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 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: \$ _____

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MasterCard Expiration Date: _____ Signature: _____

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

Mail by 10 January 2015 to ensure that your name is printed in the ad.

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