

North Carolina NOW

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“We’ll see *Roe v. Wade* consigned to the ash heap of history where it belongs.”

--Vice President-elect Mike Pence

Dear Friend:

The war on women’s reproductive rights has escalated to unprecedented heights. In the coming weeks and months there will be efforts to block women’s access to legal birth control and abortion at both the state and national levels. Vice President-elect Pence has a long record of supporting draconian measures to restrict women’s access to birth control and abortion. President-elect Trump has said that **women who have abortions should be punished**. He has also stated over and over again that opposition to *Roe v. Wade* will be his litmus test to nominating Supreme Court justices. When the North Carolina General Assembly convenes in January, we will have a battle on our hands here.

Frightened women who have their health insurance through the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) are rushing to obtain IUD’s and other long-term birth control because they have good reason to believe that the hard-won coverage of prescription birth control will be eliminated.

It has never been more important for defenders of the rights protected by *Roe v. Wade* to take a stand. You can begin to resist by supporting North Carolina NOW’s signature ad to mark the anniversary of the *Roe v. Wade* decision with **a strong public statement upholding women’s reproductive rights.**

The two-page ad will run in the centerfold of the 25 January 2017 edition of the *Indy Week*, 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 of public funding for family planning services and funding for abortions for indigent women.”

A signature ad demonstrates broad 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 efforts. We urge you to support this statement by adding your name or by simply making a contribution if you do not want your name printed in the ad.

Never underestimate your own power in this fight. Opponents are counting on us to retreat from the public debate after the blows the election inflicted. Take this opportunity today to send the message that we will not be silenced and that we will continue to resist the forces that are putting women’s lives in danger with their efforts to roll back the gains made over the last fifty years.

North Carolina NOW volunteers will deliver a copy of the ad to every legislator after the legislative session begins in January. Please email president@raleighnow.org if you want to help deliver the ad.

Please fill out and return the form on the back of this letter along with your contribution today. Or use this link to sign up online: <https://northcarolinanow.wordpress.com/pro-choice-signature-ad/>. If you do not want your name to appear in the ad, just 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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President

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URGENT!
Take action now!

SIGN UP FOR CHOICE!

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our support for public funding for family planning services and funding 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: _____ Code _____ email (required) _____
 MasterCard Expiration Date: _____ Signature: _____

Make check payable to NC NOW and mail to: NC NOW, P.O. Box 24995, Raleigh, NC 27611
Mail by 14 January 2017 to insure that your name is printed in the ad.

Contributions to NC NOW are not tax deductible because we take action to promote social change.