

# North Carolina NOW

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Dear Friend,

Threats to abortion access at a national level are growing, like [the many abortion ban bills filed across the country this year](#). In North Carolina, we've just experienced one of the least productive legislative sessions in North Carolina history. The NC General Assembly finally adjourned in November with no more damage done to reproductive rights—but the threats are real and ongoing. **Our governor vetoed an outrageous bill claiming to protect born-alive fetuses from murder on the grounds that existing law already protects born-alive infants.** Other equally outrageous bills were introduced, but died in committee. Anti-abortion forces no longer enjoy free reign to implement their extreme agenda here in North Carolina—with one major exception.

The budget vetoed by Gov. Cooper included [over 2.6 million dollars given away to anti-abortion organizations and even directly to "crisis pregnancy" centers](#). These "fake clinics" provide few if any medical services. Instead they lure women seeking abortion services and spread misleading and untrue anti-abortion propaganda. Their sole purpose is to dissuade women from having abortions. **It is an outrage to give 2.6 million in tax dollars to fund activities of the anti-abortion movement.**

Here in North Carolina, the forces for abortion rights have been historically strong, but **with new threats emerging our voices must grow stronger and our support for a woman's right to choose must become more visible.** To maintain and expand the gains we have made we must continue to show strong grassroots support for reproductive rights in our state.

You can raise your voice by supporting North Carolina NOW's signature ad that will mark the 47<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision with **a strong statement upholding women's reproductive rights**. The two-page ad will run in the centerfold of the January 22, 2020, edition of the *Indy Week*, a weekly newspaper serving the Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill area. The exact wording of the ad will be:

***"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."***

**We guarantee that this message will reach every North Carolina legislator** because North Carolina NOW volunteers will deliver a copy of the ad to every member of the General Assembly after the legislative session begins in January. Please email [president@raleighnow.org](mailto:president@raleighnow.org) if you want to help.

**A signature ad has large impact because it demonstrates broad popular support for an issue.** At the same time a signature ad tells those who want to undermine reproductive rights that there is a strong and organized opposition to their position. 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.

**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, please indicate your wish on the form. Please be as generous as you can. We deeply appreciate your support.

For NC NOW,

*Gailya Paliga*

Gailya Paliga, President

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**Take action 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 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: \_\_\_\_\_

I want to support the Pro-Choice Signature Ad and join or rejoin NOW:

- \$500     \$250     \$100     \$70 (regular dues and ad support)     \$50 (special deal on dues and ad)

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

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**Make check payable to NC NOW and mail to: NC NOW, P.O. Box 24995, Raleigh, NC 27611**  
**Mail by January 15, 2020, to ensure that your name is printed in the ad.**

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