

North Carolina NOW

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“I do not want to continue the pain and suffering that has plagued this pregnancy or continue to put my body or my mental health through the risks of continuing this pregnancy...I do not want my baby to arrive in this world only to watch her suffer.” - [Kate Cox](#), mother of two, carrying a fetus with a fatal deformity, who was denied an abortion by Texas’s Supreme Court interpreting Texas’ abortion ban.

Dear Friend,

January 22, 2024 would have marked the 51st anniversary of the Supreme Court’s Roe v. Wade decision, giving women the right to decide whether or not to carry a pregnancy to term. We lost Roe in 2022 when the U.S. Supreme Court issued the Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization decision, rescinding the federal guarantee to abortion. Bans in states like Texas show just how extreme bad state laws can be. [A Harvard Professor explains](#), “Texas laws, as interpreted by the Texas Supreme Court, easily rise to the level of inflicting cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment on women carrying non-viable pregnancies.”

Meanwhile, doctors are forced to navigate complex and varying laws on abortion, provide care based on legislative rather than medical guidance, and weigh the risk of legal action for providing abortion care against the risk of causing a patient’s death by not providing it. Predictably, doctors are deciding not to practice obstetrics. Interest in [residency training programs](#) dropped 5% nationwide and twice as much in states with abortion bans.

[North Carolina passed its own restrictive 12 week ban a year after Dobbs. Surgical abortions dropped by 31 percent the month it went into effect](#) - the largest drop by any state. NC’s ban requires in-person state-mandated counseling at least 72 hours before an abortion — something that previously done easily by telephone. That extra visit may entail taking time off work, paying for travel and childcare, and driving long distances — twice — to reach one of the state’s 14 abortion clinics spread over nine counties. 91% of counties in NC have no abortion clinics! Simultaneously, North Carolina [providers must schedule and staff twice the number of in-person appointments for the same number of patients to receive care](#). Abortion providers have seen how restrictions have grown and abortion access has diminished.

We must make it clear to NC lawmakers the damage these bans cause.

North Carolina NOW is again sponsoring a full 2 page Signature Ad in support of safe and legal abortion for all women, girls and pregnant individuals, regardless of economic status. The 2024 ad will appear in Indy Week, the Triangle’s progressive weekly periodical, on Wednesday, January 24, 2024. You can sign on to the ad online at <https://wp.me/P22b2e-9S>.

This signature ad demonstrates broad popular support for safe and legal abortion and birth control. At the same time, this signature ad tells those who want to undermine women’s control over their own bodies that there is strong and organized opposition to their position. The wording in the ad is

“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 where they live, and as taxpayers, we 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 deliver a copy of the ad with a letter to every member of the General Assembly.

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://wp.me/P22b2e-9S>. 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,



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- 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: _____ EMAIL: _____ PHONE: _____

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: \$ _____

Visa MasterCard Account Number: _____ Code _____

American Express Expiration Date: _____ (Note that email is required with credit card)

Signature: _____

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

Mail by January 17, 2024 to ensure that your name is printed in the ad.

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