

North Carolina NOW

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Dear Friend:

These are critical times for women's reproductive rights. The U. S. Supreme Court has agreed to hear a Texas case that could **overturn the landmark Roe v. Wade decision** that first made abortion legal nationwide. In another case, the Court will also hear arguments designed to undermine mandated coverage for contraceptives under the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare). Through its unrelenting attacks on both legal abortion and birth control, the hard right is determined to roll back hard-won gains for women's reproductive rights.

When it comes to women's reproductive rights, our **North Carolina General Assembly is one of the worst in the nation**. A bill almost identical to the Texas bill was introduced in our legislature—but a public outcry prevented the worst provisions from being included in the final law.

The North Carolina legislature did cut off the funding for all family planning and adolescent pregnancy programs conducted by Planned Parenthood and increased the waiting period for a woman wanting an abortion to 72 hours.

Breaking his election year pledge not to support any new restrictions on abortion, **Governor McCrory abandoned his promise and betrayed the women of North Carolina** again and again by signing every restrictive bill that has come to his desk.

You can push back against these regressive forces by supporting North Carolina NOW's signature ad that will mark the 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 20 January 2016 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 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. 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.

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

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,

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SIGN UP FOR CHOICE!

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- YES, I want my name in the ad (print name below 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:

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Visa Account Number: _____

MasterCard Expiration Date: _____ Signature: _____

Make check payable to NC NOW and mail to: Raleigh NOW, P.O. Box 25331, Raleigh, NC 27611

Mail by 9 January 2016 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.