

TAKE ACTION!

Stop State-Level Abortion Bans!

When it rains, it pours. In 2018, an unprecedented amount of state-level abortion bans have been introduced in state capitols across the country. Ranging for “fetal heartbeat bills” (which ban abortions at around 6-weeks) to arbitrary abortion bans (11 weeks, 15 weeks, 20 weeks--it’s a race to the bottom!), these abortion laws are dangerous and unconstitutional.

Worse yet, conservative lawmakers are aware that some of these laws defy the constitutional right to legal abortion determined by the U.S. Supreme Court case *Roe V. Wade*. **These despicable state-level bans are part of a wider conservative strategy to create legal challenges to these dangerous bills and unravel protections set by *Roe V. Wade*.**

We see through their deceptive plan to make safe, legal, and accessible abortion a thing of the past. Read below to learn more about these state-level bans and take action!

IOWA: H. 8269

Conservative lawmakers are gearing up to pass the most restrictive abortion law in the country. **H. 8269**, a “fetal heartbeat bill,” amends a bill already passed in the Senate that mandates the burial of fetal body parts to ban abortion at the first detection of a fetal heartbeat; this can be as early as six weeks.

According to the [Des Moines Register](#), a spokeswoman for Planned Parenthood of the Heartland, Iowa’s largest abortion provider, said that the bill would **effectively outlaw abortion in Iowa**, as more than 99 percent of the abortions her agency performed last fiscal year were done after six weeks of gestation.

IOWA VOTERS, TAKE ACTION NOW: Call your State Representatives [here](#) today and urge them to vote “NO” on H. 8269 and all attempts to restrict abortion access.

IDAHO: S.B. 1243

A dangerous abortion bill is on its way to the Governor’s desk, despite the fact that even some conservative lawmakers are against this bill on the basis of privacy concerns. According to [Think Progress](#), **S.B. 1243** would mandate that the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare provide individuals seeking abortions with information about reversing medication-induced abortion. This bill is not only based on shoddy, unscientific evidence, it raises serious privacy concerns. This bill is just one signature away from becoming law.

IDAHO VOTERS, TAKE ACTION NOW: call the Office of Governor “Butch” Otter (R) at (208) 334-2100 and urge that him to not sign this terrible bill.

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KENTUCKY: H.B.454

In early March, the Kentucky House of Representatives passed a **H.B. 454** , a bill to ban abortion at 11 weeks. This bill is an unconstitutional and dangerous attempt to further restrict abortion access, **especially in a state that has only one abortion provider.**

As indicated by Kentucky's American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) branch, similar bans in the states of Texas, Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Alabama have all been blocked in court. As this bill moves to the Kentucky Senate, we need you to take action!

KENTUCKY VOTERS, TAKE ACTION NOW: Call your State Senators [here today](#) and urge them to vote "NO" on H.B. 454 and all attempts to restrict abortion access.

MISSISSIPPI: H.B. 1510

Mississippi is one step away from passing the most restrictive abortion law in the country. The Mississippi House of Representatives passed **H.B. 1510** , barring abortion after 15 weeks. According to Think Progress, the bill now heads to Gov. Phil Bryant (R), who is expected to sign it after pledging in 2014 to "end abortions in Mississippi."

This dangerous abortion ban has a likelihood of passing. MISSISSIPPI VOTERS, TAKE ACTION NOW: Call Gov. Bryant at 601-359-3150 and urge him to not sign House Bill 1510.

SOUTH CAROLINA: S.B. 217 AND S.B. 564

In South Carolina, anti-choice legislators are pulling out all of the stops to make sure that women have no access to abortion across the state. There are currently two bills in South Carolina that have made their way out of Senate committee and are up for a vote: **S.B. 217** and **S.B. 564**.

SB 217 is an egregious bill that looks to amend 'personhood' as **beginning at the moment of fertilization**. This bill, obviously unconstitutional and directly at odds with *Roe v. Wade*, is nothing more than a political tactic by anti-choice legislators. If passed, SB 217 would give full constitutional rights to fertilized eggs, embryos, and fetuses, and would ban abortion, birth control pills, IUDs, and emergency contraception.

Senate Bill 564 is more ludicrous than the first. SB 564 is a ban on D&E abortions--one of the most commonly used methods of terminating a pregnancy in the second trimester. The bill, which passed the S.C. House last year, outlaws D&E procedures unless patients first undergo another procedure to stop the fetus' heart.

Many doctors have already stated that this 1) is unnecessary and 2) may place risk on the health of the woman. Moreover, the removal of this procedure is simultaneously moot. Of the 5,736 abortions performed in South Carolina in 2016, less than half of 1% were D&E's.

Both of these bills are transparent attempts to remove access to reproductive services for the women of South Carolina. SOUTH CAROLINA VOTERS, TAKE ACTION NOW: call your South Carolina State Senator and urge them to stand with women. Find your state legislator [here](#) !

INDIANA: SB 203

Much like South Carolina, **Indiana has decided to attack a women's right to abortion and privacy from multiple angles.**

The most pressing piece of legislation is **S.B. 203**. SB 203, sponsored by state Sen. Aaron Freeman (R-Indianapolis), states that crimes of murder, voluntary manslaughter, involuntary manslaughter, and feticide, may be committed against a fetus in any stage of development and are punishable as such.

Fetal homicide laws are deceptive tactics used by lawmakers to rollback women's rights. Fetal homicide laws are also applicable to women who choose to terminate a pregnancy, or even worse, women whose fetuses die in utero. We've already seen how cases such as these play out in Indiana. In 2015, Purvi Patel was sentenced to 20-years in prison after being accused of a self-induced abortion and intentional infanticide, while Patel maintained that she had a miscarriage.

SB 203 is another attempt by Indiana legislators to punish women for exercising their right to choose. Much like SB 340 (which passed two weeks ago), SB 203 strips women of their privacy and autonomy, denying them control over their over body.

It's time we say 'NO' to Pence's Indiana! INDIANA VOTERS, TAKE ACTION NOW: contact your Indiana State Senator today and stand against SB 205. Click [here](#) to find your Senator and say no to restrictive abortion laws!