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NEWSLETTER

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Time to Act

The law at the center of U.S. Supreme Court Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization

A 2018 Mississippi law that prohibited abortions after 15 weeks of pregnancy, called the Gestational Age Act, permitted abortions after 15 weeks only in cases of medical emergency or "severe fetal abnormality." The law was a direct challenge to Supreme Court precedent because previous rulings have upheld the right to an abortion up until fetal viability — generally at about 24 weeks of pregnancy — when the fetus can survive outside of the womb. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit in New Orleans found the Mississippi law unconstitutional, and it has never taken effect. Mississippi asked the Supreme Court to overturn Roe to uphold the 15-week ban. Court-watchers expect a ruling in Dobbs sometime in June.

Illinois is leading the nation!

The erosion of abortion rights didn't just happen overnight. It's been happening for decades in state legislatures across the country, in courtrooms, on sidewalks in front of clinics, in violence against abortion providers.

Thanks to leadership from policymakers and organizations in Illinois like MCCC, coalitions have been formed to promote the message that each of us must be free to make decisions about pregnancy and parenting that are right for our own health and our families.

Illinois is the first state in decades to lift the restriction on Medicaid coverage of abortion. It meant an end to a cruel and unjust ban that resulted in forced pregnancy, health risks and pushed women deeper into poverty.

Senator Tammy Duckworth (D-IL) is one of the lead sponsors of the EACH ACT (Equal Access to Abortion Coverage in Health Insurance). It is bold legislation to reverse the Hyde Amendment and related abortion coverage restrictions. It ensures that all who receive care or insurance through the federal government will have coverage for abortion services.

GET ON BOARD!!

VOTE

VOTE – PRO-CHOICE!!

Make sure your pro-choice friends are registered to vote
Share your story!

Pick up the baton from those who have fought against the anti-choice, anti-woman, forced pregnancy crowd for the last 40+ years. Heed the warnings! Contraception is next!

Join with others – the load is lighter if we each contribute and there are many ways that you can contribute your own special talents .

Sign up on our website to staff MCCC booth at the County Fair , August 3rd through August 7.

Join Jane's Army - <https://janearmy2022.com/>

There are many challenges ahead that will effect the issue of women's reproductive health.

Voter suppression

Overcoming minority rule!

Dismantling 40 + years of extremist, misogynist attacks.

ALL VOTERS ON DECK!

"The only thing that can stop a bad politician's vote is a good citizen's vote."

.....Jocelyn Benson, Michigan Secretary of State

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The following legal rights will exist for people in Illinois whether *Roe v. Wade* is overturned or crippled by eliminating the “fetal viability” and thereby returned to the states.

Reproductive Health ACT (RHA)

Effective as of June 12, 2019

- There are no restrictions on abortion before “fetal viability.”
- After fetal viability, an abortion may be performed to protect the patient’s life or health.
- The same rights exist for people who are in State custody, control, or supervision such as people in jail, prison, or who are in DCFS custody.
- A fetus or embryo does not have independent rights in Illinois.
- There is no “trigger law” that will make abortion unlawful if *Roe v. Wade* is overturned.
- After June 1, 2022, a person under 18 does not have to give notice to or get consent from a parent in order to have an abortion.
- Illinois Medicaid and most private health insurance plans are required to cover abortion care.
- Patients are not forced to endure a waiting period, view an ultrasound, or listen to a lecture filled with misinformation to have an abortion in Illinois.
- Pregnant people cannot be punished in Illinois if they self-manage an abortion or suffer a miscarriage.
- Health care providers that have religious objections to abortion or providing birth control must give their patients information about getting that service somewhere else.
- Most insurance companies must cover birth control prescriptions for up to 12 months at one time.

What does it mean to have a “fundamental right”?

A fundamental right is one that the government cannot interfere with except in certain narrow situations. Under the RHA, a person can sue the State of Illinois or local governments like cities and counties if they improperly deny, interfere with, or discriminate against the person’s fundamental rights to make their own reproductive health decisions.

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_____ \$25 or more gives you benefactor status and the opportunity to increase the scope and activities of MCCC.

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Supreme Court Justices are nominated by the President of the United States. The nomination must be approved by a majority vote of the Senate. The Justices serve until they retire, die or are impeached. While they have died and retired, no Supreme Court justice has ever been removed through impeachment

The American people have always favored and expected a fair Supreme Court. We now have a GOP “packed” Supreme Court

The 2020 Supreme Court

Justice	Age	Religion	Appointed By	Party Appointed
John G. Roberts -	67	Catholic	Geo W. Bush - 2003	Republican
Clarence Thomas -	74	Catholic	George HW Bush - 1991	Republican
Stephen G. Breyer -	83	Jewish	William Clinton - 1994	Democrat
Samuel A. Alito, Jr.	72	Catholic	Geo W. Bush - 2006	Republican
Sonia Sotomayor -	68	Catholic	Barack Obama - 2009	Democrat
Elena Kagan -	62	Jewish	Barack Obama - 2010	Democrat
Neil M. Gorsuch—	54	Protestant	Donald J. Trump - 2017	Republican
Brett M. Kavanaugh -	57	Catholic	Donald J. Trump - 2018	Republican
Amy Coney Barrett	50	Catholic	Donald J. Trump - 2020	Republican

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