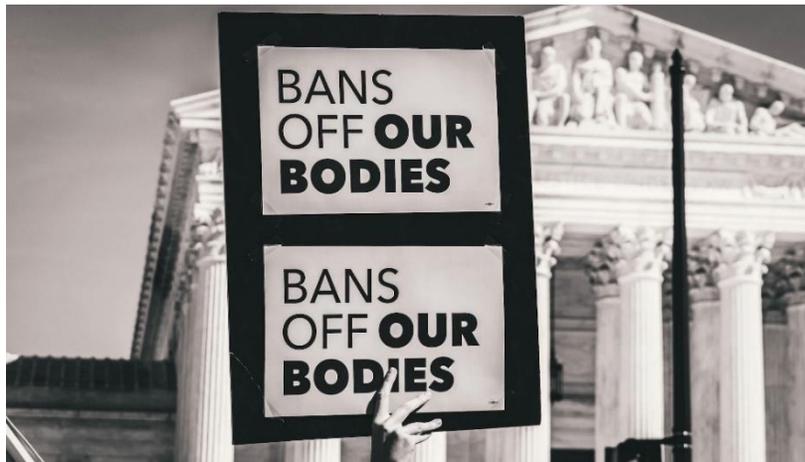




## WHERE WE STAND – THE RIGHT TO PRIVACY and REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM

When the US Supreme Court struck down *Roe v. Wade*, it proved that freedoms Americans take for granted can be taken away. *Roe* was based on the right to privacy in the Constitution's 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment. It gave us the freedom to use contraception for family planning, to marry the adult we love regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, or sexual orientation, and the freedom of LGBTQ individuals to be themselves.

MAGA Republicans, like those in North Carolina's General Assembly, are passing ever more restrictive abortion bans (often without debate) with severe penalties for women and the medical professionals who care for them. By criminalizing abortion and even miscarriage – and by denying exceptions for rape or incest - MAGA Republicans show their contempt for women and their families. Government overreach and intrusion into our most personal decisions is forcing doctors to deny treatment to women suffering miscarriages, stillbirths, or carrying nonviable pregnancies until they face imminent death.



This loss of freedom is horrific, and could get even worse. A government that can *prevent you* from having an abortion could someday *force you* to have one. America's shameful eugenics movement of the early 20<sup>th</sup> century resulted in forced sterilization of Native Americans and those deemed genetically or intellectually unfit to reproduce. In the "land of the free," nobody is truly free if the government controls their most personal decisions.

We believe that reproductive health decisions should be made by patients in consultation with their doctors, not by politicians. We believe women and families deserve quality, accessible medical services including contraception, abortion, and prenatal care. We defend the right to marry the adult you love. We oppose discrimination on the basis of gender or sexual orientation. We will fight to restore your freedoms by making the privacy rights guaranteed by *Roe v. Wade* for fifty years the law of the land.

***Flip this over to learn how YOU can get involved!***

### **Here's what DEMOCRATS are doing to UPHOLD REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM and PRIVACY:**

- After Roe v. Wade was struck down, President Biden issued an [executive order](#) to safeguard access to reproductive healthcare – including medication abortions, emergency medical care, and contraceptives – and to enhance privacy protections and help patients pursue legal options.
- Biden signed an [executive order](#) supporting women's right to travel across state lines for abortion care.
- Under [Biden's guidance](#), HHS proposed a strengthened privacy rule to prevent sensitive health information from being disclosed and used for punitive purposes – such as investigating, suing or prosecuting a patient, provider or family member for obtaining, giving or facilitating legal reproductive health care, including abortion.

### **Here's what MAGA REPUBLICANS are doing to GUT REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM and PRIVACY RIGHTS:**

- The conservative-dominated U.S. Supreme Court [struck down the constitutional right to abortion](#).
- The MAGA Republican-led General Assembly overrode Governor Cooper's veto of their drastic [abortion ban](#), imposing a general ban on abortions after 12 weeks. It also bans medication abortions after 10 weeks – while requiring a burdensome 3-appointments series to obtain one.
- Individual states, including NC, are [criminalizing](#) fetal loss, turning unavoidable miscarriages into potential felonies for patients and healthcare providers – in some cases forcing pregnant women to carry nonviable pregnancies to term and face significant physical and emotional trauma.
- MAGA Republicans in the NC General Assembly are pushing [legislation](#) allowing healthcare providers to refuse care to patients on "moral" grounds – paving the way for discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity, or abortion care request.



## **TAKE ACTION!**

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