



North Carolina National Organization for Women

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Dear North Carolina Legislator,

NOW supports full access to safe and legal abortion, to effective birth control, IVF, emergency contraception, and to reproductive health services and education for all women. NOW affirms that reproductive freedom is essential to a woman being able to control her own life. Personal health decisions should be made by a woman, in consultation with her family, her doctor, and her spiritual advisor – **NOT by politicians.**

WE ENDORSE:

HB 591 - Restitution/Sexual Exploitation of a Minor - AN ACT TO CLARIFY RESTITUTION FOR SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR.

HB 908 - Decriminalize Reproductive Health - AN ACT TO REPEAL PARTS I AND II OF SENATE BILL 20 AND REENACT THE LAWS GOVERNING ABORTION AS THEY EXISTED PRIOR TO THE ENACTMENT OF SENATE BILL 20; TO PRESERVE NORTH CAROLINA WOMEN'S ACCESS TO OUT-OF-STATE ABORTIONS; TO CRIMINALIZE THE INTERFERENCE WITH A WOMAN SEEKING AN ABORTION; TO CREATE A PRIVATE RIGHT OF ACTION AGAINST AN INDIVIDUAL WHO INTERFERES WITH A WOMAN SEEKING AN ABORTION; TO DECLARE THE RIGHT TO USE CONTRACEPTION TO PREVENT PREGNANCY SHALL NOT BE LIMITED; TO PROHIBIT THE TRACKING OF INDIVIDUALS WHO PURCHASE EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION; TO CLARIFY THAT INDIVIDUALS WHO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION TO ABORTIONS ARE NOT CRIMINALLY LIABLE; TO PROHIBIT GEOFENCING WITHIN A ONE-MILE RADIUS OF A HEALTHCARE FACILITY THAT PROVIDES ABORTIONS; TO CRIMINALIZE THE UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF ABORTION DATA; TO CLARIFY THAT A FATHER DOES NOT HAVE A RIGHT OF ACTION RELATING TO THE ASSISTANCE WITH OR PERFORMANCE OF AN ABORTION; TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS PERTAINING TO CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTERS; TO ENSURE PROMPT ACCESS TO ABORTION IN THE CASES OF MEDICAL EMERGENCY AND LIFE-LIMITING FETAL ANOMALIES; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO ESTABLISH AND IMPLEMENT MEASURES TO ENSURE THE PRIVACY OF INDIVIDUALS SEEKING REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES; AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FOR COSTS RELATED TO IMPLEMENTING AND RAISING AWARENESS OF THE CHANGES IN THIS ACT GOVERNING REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES.

HB 958 - Workers Rights Act - AN ACT PROTECTING WORKERS RIGHTS IN NC THAT PROTECTS AT-WILL EMPLOYMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE.

HB 960 - Sound Basic Education for Every Child - AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A SOUND BASIC EDUCATION FOR EVERY CHILD IN NORTH CAROLINA.

HB 962/SB 868 - Governor's Budget -

<https://www.osbm.nc.gov/governors-budget-rec-fy2024-25/download?attachment>

HB 977 - Crisis Pregnancy Center Accountability Study - AN ACT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO STUDY AND REPORT ON CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTERS DOING BUSINESS IN THE STATE; AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE.

HB 1000/SB 854 - Protect Access to In Vitro Fertilization - AN ACT PROTECTING THE RIGHT TO ACCESS ASSISTED REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGY; AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF HEALTH BENEFITS, TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR MEDICAID MATERNAL SUPPORT SERVICES.

HB 1001/SB 808 - Right to Use Contraception Act - AN ACT PROTECTING THE RIGHT TO USE CONTRACEPTION AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO SUPPORT THE MEDICAID FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAM.

HB 1011/SB 814 - Healthy Students - A Nurse in Every School - AN ACT TO REQUIRE AT LEAST ONE SCHOOL NURSE IN EVERY SCHOOL IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL UNIT BEGINNING IN THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR.

HB 1030 - Quality Care for Mothers - A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REQUIRING QUALITY CARE FOR MOTHERS. ADDS A NEW SECTION "§ 75-44. Truth in advertising for pregnancy centers.

HB 1033 - Tax Accountability/Crisis Pregnancy Centers - AN ACT ENHANCING TAXPAYER ACCOUNTABILITY FOR CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTERS BY REQUIRING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMPETITIVE GRANT PROCESS TO AWARD CERTAIN GRANT FUNDS TO CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTERS; AND ESTABLISHING PERFORMANCE STANDARDS AND ADDITIONAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTERS.

SB 779 - Misdemeanor Domestic Violence/Prohibit Firearms - AN ACT TO PROHIBIT A PERSON CONVICTED OF A MISDEMEANOR CRIME OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSE FROM PURCHASING OR POSSESSING A FIREARM AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO USE TO MAKE THE PUBLIC AWARE OF THIS PROHIBITION.

SB 808/HB 1001 - Right to Use Contraception - AN ACT PROTECTING THE RIGHT TO USE CONTRACEPTION AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO SUPPORT THE MEDICAID FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAM.

SB 816 - Reenact Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) - AN ACT TO REENACT THE EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT.

SB 831 - Menstrual Products Sales Tax Exemption - AN ACT TO EXEMPT MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS FROM THE SALES TAX.

SB 838 - MOMnibus Act 2.5 - Whereas, every person should be entitled to dignity and respect during and after pregnancy and childbirth, and patients should receive the best care possible regardless of age, race, ethnicity, color, religion, ancestry, disability, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, citizenship, nationality, immigration status, primary language, or language proficiency.

SB 839 - State Employees/Give Leave For Pregnancy Loss - AN ACT PROVIDING STATE EMPLOYEES WITH PAID LEAVE DURING AND FOLLOWING A PREGNANCY LOSS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE.

SB 840 - Funds For Lactation Consultants Programs at HBCUs - AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO SUPPORT LACTATION CONSULTANT TRAINING PROGRAMS AT NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL & TECHNICAL STATE UNIVERSITY AND JOHNSON C. SMITH UNIVERSITY.

SB 848 - Protect Reproductive Health - AN ACT TO CODIFY ROE AND CASEY PROTECTIONS; TO PRESERVE WOMEN'S ACCESS TO OUT-OF-STATE ABORTIONS; TO CRIMINALIZE THE INTERFERENCE WITH A WOMAN SEEKING AN ABORTION; TO CREATE A PRIVATE RIGHT OF ACTION AGAINST AN INDIVIDUAL WHO INTERFERES WITH A WOMAN SEEKING AN ABORTION; TO DECLARE THE RIGHT TO USE CONTRACEPTION TO PREVENT PREGNANCY SHALL NOT BE LIMITED; TO PROHIBIT THE TRACKING OF INDIVIDUALS WHO PURCHASE EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION; TO CLARIFY THAT INDIVIDUALS WHO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION TO ABORTIONS ARE NOT CRIMINALLY LIABLE; AND TO PROHIBIT GEOFENCING WITHIN A ONE-MILE RADIUS OF A HEALTHCARE FACILITY THAT PROVIDES ABORTIONS.

SB 854/HB 1000 - Protect Access to In Vitro Fertilization - AN ACT PROTECTING THE RIGHT TO ACCESS ASSISTED REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGY; AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF HEALTH BENEFITS, TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR MEDICAID MATERNAL SUPPORT SERVICES.

SB 859 - Redirect Crisis Pregnancy Centers Funds - AN ACT REDIRECTING FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, FOR CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTERS TO INSTEAD BE USED TO SUPPORT THE EXPANSION OF EVIDENCE-BASED MATERNAL AND INFANT HEALTH PROGRAMS; AND ESTABLISHING ADDITIONAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTERS THAT RECEIVE STATE FUNDS.

SB 873 - End Book Ban Acts - AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A RIGHT TO APPEAL THE BANNING OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIAL IN PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS.

SB 875 - Total Maternal Care Act - AN ACT ENACTING THE NORTH CAROLINA MOMNIBUS ACT OF 2024. (See SB 838)

SB 877 - Greater Access to Fertilization Medication - AN ACT TO INCREASE ACCESS TO FERTILITY MEDICATION UNDER CERTAIN HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS THAT OFFER FERTILITY TREATMENT COVERAGE AND UNDER THE STATE HEALTH PLAN FOR TEACHERS AND STATE EMPLOYEES.

SB 909 - Protect Women's Healthcare - AN ACT TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF NORTH CAROLINA TO PROTECT 3 WOMEN'S HEALTHCARE.

WE OPPOSE:

HB 1071 - Use Methods of Certain Groups/Voter Rolls - AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO USE VARIOUS METHODS IN ITS LIST MAINTENANCE EFFORTS.

HB 1073 - Constitutional Amendment/Citizens-Only Voting - AN ACT TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF NORTH CAROLINA TO PROVIDE FOR CITIZENS-ONLY VOTING.

North Carolina NOW will continue to oppose inappropriate government intervention into the lives and health of women and others in North Carolina. North Carolina residents, including those in rural areas, deserve access to medical care. Doctors and medical personnel need to be able to provide care in line with national medical standards.

Please contact NC NOW President Gailya Paliga at nownorthcarolina@gmail.com or at 919-539-7702 for additional information on these or other issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gailya Paliga".

Gailya Paliga
President, NC National Organization for Women