

Arguments “For” Proposition 139

As a doctor who has spent more than 40 years working with patients in the field of reproductive and maternal health, I’m urging you to join me in voting YES on Prop. 139.

When a patient enters my exam room, they expect me to provide healthcare – to put them on a path to a healthy pregnancy, to help them through a difficult miscarriage, to put them first. Arizona healthcare providers and patients need Prop. 139 to ensure we can do just that.

Across this country, politicians are taking healthcare out of the hands of doctors and patients and putting the lives of real people in danger for political gain. Here in Arizona, extreme politicians have tried time and again to pass a total abortion ban. That isn’t just unsafe, it’s unjust.

Where politicians have successfully banned access to abortion, we’ve seen dangerous results. Bans mean doctors may not have the ability to help women through miscarriage, complex difficulties of pregnancy, and serious medical and psychological problems. This can leave patients with life-threatening complications, taking away the opportunity for them to have a child in the future, or worse.

Bans on abortion leave patients without access to the care they need and deserve. Ongoing attempts to outlaw abortion by Arizona politicians leave doctors and patients living with uncertainty and fear. That’s no way to practice medicine.

Political debates have no place in the exam room. When it comes to my duty as a physician and my commitment to the health and wellbeing of Arizonans, it’s simple:

As a doctor, I trust my patients.

As a doctor, those patients trust me to keep them safe and healthy.

As an Arizonan, I am voting YES on Prop. 139 to guarantee healthcare decisions stay in the hands of doctors and patients, not politicians.

Candace Lew, Physician and Chairperson of Arizona for Abortion Access, Arizona for Abortion Access, Tempe
Sponsored by Arizona for Abortion Access

As a Family Physician, I know that making available all healthcare services for every individual is crucial. All medical decisions, especially those regarding pregnancy and abortion should be between patients, their families, and their trusted physicians. There are many reasons why an abortion may be necessary for a patient.

My wife and I suffered a miscarriage with our second pregnancy. She was severely hemorrhaging and went suddenly unconscious in the Emergency Room due to rapid blood loss. She had to have an emergency D&C in order to save her life. Any kind of delay, especially those

proposed by those opposed to full-scope maternal care, would've deprived me of the woman I adore and our son of his loving mother.

Anti-abortion politicians are intent on creating barriers to full scope maternal care, which includes the ability of a woman to choose an abortion for themselves when it may be necessary. Without a citizen ballot initiative which will supersede any legislative attempts at removing a woman's right to make decisions about what happens to their own bodies, our legislators will continue to create laws meant to impede a woman's very personal and often difficult choice.

That's why it's so important that we ensure patients, providers, and families are in control of their own health care decisions, once and for all, by passing the Arizona Abortion Access Act.

Andrew Carroll, MD, Chandler and Theresa Carroll, RN BSN, Chandler

Valerie Sorkin-Wells MD, retired Phoenix/Scottsdale Ob/Gyn, Principal Researcher Womens' Health, Associate Clinical Professor Ob/Gyn:

I'm a physician voting "yes" on the Arizona Abortion Access Act to restore the protections my patients, and all Arizonans had under Roe v. Wade. The Arizona Abortion Access Act is based on Arizona values, and the idea that Arizonans have the right to individual autonomy, including the right to make their own health care decisions, without unnecessary government interference. As a doctor, I have the privilege of knowing my patients very well, working to establish trust in the exam room and learning about their concerns, hopes, and goals for their futures and their families. Keeping their intimate information private is of the utmost importance. Decisions in pregnancy such as treating an ectopic pregnancy, to ending a much-wanted pregnancy due to fetal abnormalities that are incompatible with life, to premature induction of a pregnancy due to severe hypertension of the mother, are complex, challenging physical and emotional medical issues that require the skill of qualified medical providers that place the health of the mother as a priority, and require years of training and expertise. Politicians simply shouldn't be involved in these decisions, nor should they have more control over patients' health care decisions than patients themselves. Every individual, regardless of their political affiliation, background, or income, deserves the right to decide what's best for their body, their family and their health.

Valerie Sorkin-Wells MD

Valerie Sorkin-Wells, Ob/Gyn Physician, Scottsdale

As a Native Arizonan and a board-certified OBGYN, I support the Arizona Abortion Access Act to ensure that private, personal decisions around abortion can be made by patients, their families, and their trusted healthcare providers — not politicians. As an OBGYN, I've been privy to

incredible moments in people's lives, but I've also had the difficult privilege of guiding many through complicated, nuanced, and often devastating decisions.

People who oppose abortion rights have falsely been claiming this initiative would allow any person to have an abortion "up until birth" on a whim. This simply isn't true. Abortions later in pregnancy are extremely rare and only occur because something has gone horribly wrong. These decisions are only undertaken after enormous consideration by the patient, her family, and knowledgeable physicians.

Another lie I hear is that the Act removes safety protections for patients. Again, this is simply false. The Act does not change the requirements that abortion care must be provided by licensed, qualified medical professionals, and still within the guardrails under which all healthcare is regulated. It simply removes the additional political barriers created to shame people for their decisions and to make it harder to access abortion care.

These lies have been used in other states to justify extreme bans, and we've seen the harm they've caused. In Idaho, nearly 1 in 4 OBGYNs has left the state, and at least two hospital systems have closed maternity services. Women have been left to suffer and bleed on their own because doctors have been threatened with prison time if they cross arbitrary, and often ambiguous, legal lines not based in science.

The Arizona Abortion Access Act prevents harmful political interference in health care and simply puts private, personal health decisions back where they belong — between patients, families, and trusted doctors.

Misha Pangasa, MD, Phoenix

We support the Arizona Abortion Access Act because without it, pregnant people receive substandard and delayed care, which can lead to severe long-term health problems and sometimes, death. Arizona's abortion bans have only vague medical emergency exceptions. These bans force doctors to ask — is this patient close enough to death to intervene? How sick must a patient become before taking actions, including abortions, known to help save the patient's health, future fertility, and life? If a blood transfusion or stabilizing medication is provided, will the patient become less close to death, and then be unable to have a life-saving abortion? There are countless examples of emergency abortion care saving patients' lives, such as a patient who has had a premature rupture of membranes (PPROM) at 17 weeks of pregnancy, exhibiting signs of severe infection. Patients with PPROM are at high risk of becoming septic, a life-threatening infection, which can lead to kidney failure, losing their uterus and future fertility, and death.

In addition to emergent medical reasons for an abortion, there are a myriad of reasons someone may make the deeply personal decision to have an abortion. For all Arizonans, this is an issue of personal freedom and privacy. Arizonans should be able to get the care they need without delays or restrictions that put their health, fertility, and lives at risk. Politicians with no medical training or expertise shouldn't be interfering in emergency departments or exam rooms. The Arizona Abortion Access Act allows pregnant people to make personal healthcare decisions in

consultation with their family and physician, protects the health and life of pregnant people, and enables physicians to practice medicine without government interference.

Gabrielle Goodrick, MD, Owner, Camelback Family Planning, Phoenix

The Arizona Abortion Access Act will ensure that patients like ours have the freedom to make their own health care decisions, with guidance from their family and trusted health care providers, instead of having those decisions made by politicians.

As a pediatrician and family physician, we've gotten to know many patients of all ages, and seen their unique circumstances, including a variety of different pregnancies. We've seen many instances in which an abortion was the right decision for a patient. We have seen teens unprepared to have children and young women who were victims of rape.

In all of these cases, patients sought the care they needed from trusted health care providers. The Arizona Abortion Access Act will ensure abortion is accessible while also continuing to regulate it just like any other health care procedure. Contrary to disinformation about it, the Act doesn't remove any safety precautions. Doctors take the health and safety of our patients extremely seriously, and would never support removing needed precautions.

Every patient is different, and every pregnancy is different. Whatever their circumstances, they deserve the freedom to make their own decisions about their health care, with trusted medical professionals and proper safety precautions in place. The Arizona Abortion Access Act will protect this freedom for our patients and for all Arizonans.

Eve Shapiro, MD, MPH, Tucson and Paul Gordon, MD, MPH, Tucson

Arizona List has been a member of the Arizona for Abortion Access coalition since the beginning because we believe that as Americans, we should have the freedom to make our own healthcare decisions without political interference.

This act will amend our state's constitution to restore Roe and remove politicians from these decisions. It will allow patients with their families and medical professionals to make the best decision in each unique circumstance. No group of strangers should be making this personal and private decision.

We are proud of the thousands of volunteers who have walked through our doors to turn in petitions from Nogales to Flagstaff, from Yuma to Portal, to Mohave and Yavapai Counties. From every corner of our state, women and men have collected thousands of signatures by talking to their neighbors about the need to restore rights to average Arizonans.

Citizen initiatives are a method to fix problems in our democracy. Across the political spectrum, we have heard that people are with us. We all want the privacy to make these decisions without government interference.

Voting yes on the Arizona for Abortion Access Act restores the protections we had under Roe. It protects Arizonans, especially those suffering from pregnancy complications and survivors of violence, from the legislature changing and challenging our rights at every turn.

Let's take our rights back. Join Arizona List, a grassroots organization committed to electing pro-choice women to public office, and vote YES on the Arizona for Abortion Access Act.

Catherine Nichols, Executive Director, Arizona List, Tucson

As an U.S. Marine Corps veteran, my priorities have been fighting for this country, which also includes my family. At 23, with three children under 5, I sought a tubal ligation and my husband sought a vasectomy, but military doctors believed we were too young to make these decisions, so they denied us.

Post 9/11 and with another deployment looming, I found myself pregnant again but this time my family and I knew there was no way we could afford an additional child. We made the decision to terminate the pregnancy in order to serve my country and provide for our three small children. Upon my return from deployment, I became pregnant again, which unfortunately resulted in an unviable ectopic pregnancy that threatened my health and my ability to care for my existing family, forcing me to seek another abortion.

These two healthcare decisions allowed me to be the best mother I could be to my three amazing children, while also continuing to serve my country as a Marine and protect my own health. Most importantly, these were my decisions to make, with my husband and with my doctors.

My story is a testament to the various ways women come to the decision to have an abortion. Arizona politicians have been playing games with women's reproductive freedom for far too long, and it is dangerous. I fought for rights and freedom around the world, and I am proud to stand with the Arizona for Abortion Access today to fight for the rights and freedoms of women in Arizona. It is the right thing to do.

I urge everyone to vote YES on the Arizona Abortion Access Act.

Joanna Sweatt, Veteran and mother, Chandler

Planned Parenthood Arizona has been a trusted provider of reproductive health care for nearly eighty years, serving generations of Arizona families. Our mission is to promote and protect the freedom and right to sexual health and well-being, reproductive choices, and the building of healthy families.

We are driven by the belief that sexual health and bodily autonomy are essential. This commitment compels us to support and lead the Arizona for Abortion Access Act, a citizen's initiative to establish a constitutional amendment protecting the right to access abortion care. Every Arizonan deserves to make their own healthcare decisions without political interference. As a native Arizonan and leader of the state's largest sexual and reproductive healthcare provider, I understand the importance of the freedom to decide whether and when to start a family. Partnering with communities throughout the state ensures that Arizonans from all corners have provided input into this initiative.

Arizonans recognize the urgent need to protect abortion access. Planned Parenthood Arizona volunteers have been gathering signatures to get the Arizona for Abortion Access Act on the ballot. We have partnered with a coalition of diverse organizations across the state, understanding that restricting access to care harms health and safety.

The widespread support for this initiative has been inspiring, revealing that Arizonans want politicians out of reproductive healthcare decisions. This year is crucial for abortion access in Arizona.

Planned Parenthood Arizona proudly supports Arizona for Abortion Access. Please vote YES to protect our right to abortion care in Arizona for good.

Angela Florez, President and CEO, Planned Parenthood Arizona, Inc., Phoenix

As an OB/GYN physician who has settled into Arizona over the last two years and plans to continue practicing here for the remainder of my career, I strongly support the Arizona Abortion Access Act. We need to end the state's arbitrary, dangerous abortion ban and ensure that patients can make their own decisions around pregnancy with their families and their doctors.

The need for this amendment has never been greater. Earlier this year, the Arizona Supreme Court ruled that a 160-year-old, near-total abortion ban still on the books could go back into effect. This ban was enacted before Arizona even gained statehood, and is extreme, without any exceptions — even for rape or incest. The only exception is an ambiguous one to save a woman's life.

While the Arizona Legislature voted to repeal this 1864 ban, the repeal didn't take effect immediately. And, unfortunately, Arizona still has the dangerous 15-week ban on the books. Like the 1864 ban, the 15-week ban has no exceptions for survivors of rape or incest, or the health of the pregnant person.

Bans like these prevent pregnant patients from being able to access abortion care, forcing them to flee the state for care (if they have the financial ability to do so), take time off work, find childcare, etc. If they cannot make those sacrifices, they're forced to remain pregnant, even if they are suffering complications putting their lives at risk, or are survivors of rape, incest, or human trafficking. Arizonans don't deserve either of these fates, and they don't deserve to have politicians playing games with their health, freedom, and livelihood.

That's why we must pass the Arizona for Abortion Access Act. Health decisions belong in the hands of patients, their trusted physicians, and their families — not politicians.

Danielle Allen-Herried, DO, MBA, Chandler

Sexual and reproductive health care needs to be available to everyone, no matter who they are or where they come from. When politicians enact restrictions on reproductive health, including abortion bans, all aspects of people's sexual health care are affected. A recent Guttmacher Institute study found that Arizonans, especially young and poor Arizonans, have experienced an increase in difficulty accessing their preferred contraception since Roe vs. Wade was overturned.

Arizonans want and deserve fewer barriers to accessing reproductive healthcare, including abortion. Quality, medically based sexual and reproductive care is crucial to our overall health,

the stability of our communities, and supports a future where everyone can build the life they dream of.

Deciding whether to continue a pregnancy is a deeply personal decision that is made for a variety of reasons. Arizonans deserve the freedom and dignity to make that choice with our trusted healthcare process and loved ones, not to have politicians making it for us.

The Arizona Abortion Access Act is our best shot to guarantee reproductive freedoms in Arizona in a way that cannot be easily undone by the legislature or the courts by enshrining it in our state constitution. I urge you to vote YES in November.

Bré Thomas, Sexual & Reproductive Health Expert, Mesa

Vote for Access to Sexual & Reproductive Health

Vote YES on Proposition 139

This proposition supports access to evidence-based, fair reproductive healthcare.

Arizona's record of ensuring fair reproductive health policy is checkered. A.R.S. § 13-3603 – Arizona's 1864 law that criminalized abortion care has been repealed for now. The Arizona Public Health Association is grateful for the sensible repeal of that territorial-era law. But the reality is the state legislature could impose a similar restriction at any time unless we take action by voting YES.

In fact, a revival of that territorial era abortion ban may be just a couple of legislative sessions away unless we change our state constitution to protect reproductive health by voting YES on the Arizona Right to Abortion Initiative - Proposition 139.

A large body of published evidence shows that policy restrictions on sexual and reproductive healthcare result in harmful health outcomes. Unreasonable restrictions on access to abortion harm access to a variety of reproductive care services, reduce the availability of patient-centered healthcare and negatively affect reproductive autonomy.

Policy solutions that center and promote sexual and reproductive health equity like Proposition 139 are essential for building fair reproductive healthcare and preventing bad health outcomes.

We hope you'll join us by voting YES on Proposition 139, and continue to help us strive for other rational and evidence-based reproductive rights like:

- Ensuring reproductive healthcare programs provide person-centered care;
- Requiring health insurance plans to provide comprehensive coverage for all contraceptive options;
- Ensuring patients have multiple options for accessing reproductive health care;
- Preventing state officials from punishing healthcare providers who administer abortion care services; and

- Strengthening federal support for family planning.

Access to evidence-based healthcare, including abortion care, is a core element of reproductive healthcare fairness.

Please vote YES on Proposition 139.

Will Humble, Executive Director, Arizona Public Health Association, Phoenix

I practiced as a nurse practitioner in women's health for four decades, including over 20 years here in Arizona. Nurse practitioners focus heavily on providing for the health and well-being of our patients. During my whole nursing career, I spoke freely with my patients, informing and educating them fully with evidence-based options, and providing appropriate referrals when needed. I didn't try to persuade or push them one direction or another, merely state the facts, explain the options, and support my patients in making the decisions that they determined were best for their situation. That's exactly how health care should be provided.

But Arizona's abortion bans get between nurses, doctors, and our patients. They prevent clinicians from being able to provide all the information and options that our patients deserve. In the 40 years I practiced, I never saw the level of political interference in health care that I'm seeing today. This interference is dangerous for patients' health and freedom, and for healthcare delivery for all of us.

By voting yes on the Arizona Abortion Access Act, we can restore the protections that patients had under Roe v. Wade and ensure that health care providers are able to give patients all the correct information and options available to them. We can protect Arizonans from the extreme abortion bans and restrictions we've seen in other states — bans which infringe on patients' personal freedoms and put their health at risk. We must pass this act to ensure patients can make informed decisions that are right for them, with guidance from health care providers, not politicians.

Denise Link, Nurse Practitioner, Phoenix
Sponsored by Candace Lew, MD

As a physician and an Arizona voter, I am grateful for the opportunity to vote YES on the Arizona Abortion Access Act to prevent politicians from forcing their abortion bans on our state, and to prevent them from forcing their decisions on Arizona women. Just as all patients deserve to make their own health care choices about their bodies, we, as voters, deserve to have a say in protecting our personal freedoms.

No matter how one feels personally about abortion, decisions about pregnancy are deeply personal, and they should be left to patients, their families, and to their health care providers, without government interference. There are many reasons someone may decide not to carry a pregnancy to term. The pregnancy may have a fatal anomaly or abnormality. A patient may have life threatening health conditions that may make it too risky to proceed with the pregnancy. A woman may have been a victim of rape, incest or human trafficking with a resulting pregnancy that could further traumatize her. Whatever the reason, no Arizonan should be forced to carry a

pregnancy to term or flee the State to get the care that they need. The Arizona Abortion Access Act will restore the protections we have under Roe vs. Wade and restore Arizonans freedom to make their own health care decisions. Without this amendment, extreme politicians will continue to force their beliefs onto Arizona women and continue to try to completely ban abortion, under any circumstances. We must all vote YES to support the Arizona Abortion Access Act

Dr. Barbara H Warren, Tucson

Women in Arizona want to be free to make our own decisions about our bodies. The Arizona Legislature should not interfere with personal healthcare decisions. These decisions must be left to patients and their chosen medical provider. Politicians have no place in a clinic or doctor's office. That's why we, the undersigned, support the Arizona Abortion Access (AAA) amendment to the state Constitution.

There are many reasons why someone may make the deeply personal decision to seek an abortion. Pregnancies can be complicated and dangerous. This is especially true for those with lower incomes and women of color. The right to bodily autonomy means making our own decisions with qualified healthcare providers and those we trust.

Laws restricting abortion access have devastating consequences. Women's lives are put at risk. Medical professionals are leaving states where they risk criminal charges. Women denied care often suffer harm in ways that precludes them ever being able to have children in the future.

This ballot measure is simple. It is about trusting Arizonans to make decisions about their pregnancy, treating miscarriages, and accessing abortion-related care. The AAA amendment establishes the freedom for women to get the care they need without delays or restrictions that risk their health, fertility, and their very lives. There is no legislation that will prevent abortions - only safe ones. The AZGOP is attempting to submit multiple competing ballot measures, not to protect women but to confuse them. Only the AAA amendment provides the protections women need and deserve.

Shelly Burgoyne, Tucson; Eric Robbins, Tucson; and Gail Kamaras, Tucson

As a practicing physician for over 32 years, I have seen many situations where patients had to choose abortion to save their lives, avoid economic catastrophe, or other dire life-changing circumstances for their families.

No patient should be penalized for accessing necessary medical care, and no healthcare provider or patient should be put in jail for accessing or providing that necessary medical care. Physicians are trained over many years to provide the full range of medical care, and those physicians who are specifically trained in reproductive healthcare should be allowed to provide all options for appropriate reproductive care in consultation with their patients, and that includes abortion, should the patient so decide, in private consultation with the healthcare provider.

Just like our patients, physicians take decisions around pregnancy and abortion very seriously. The primary goal is always what is best for the patient. But medicine isn't always black and white. Some patients have special circumstances with possible complications that can be life-threatening, including unviable fetuses, unexpected pregnancy due to cases of incest and rape, pregnancy in girls that are barely old enough to take care of themselves or have challenges related to physical or mental disability are just a very few of situations that might lead a patient to privately discuss termination of pregnancy with their physicians.

That's why we must be able to work with our patients in their unique circumstances, with their unique health concerns, to make the decisions that are best for them.

The Arizona Abortion Access Act will allow physicians and patients to do that, without dangerous interference from politicians.

I hope Arizonans will join physicians like me to pass the Arizona Abortion Access Act and put decision-making power back in the hands of patients, their physicians, and their families.

Devin Mikles, Medical Doctor, Sedona
Sponsored by Candace Lew, MD

As a lifelong Arizonan, I have spent countless years witnessing politicians and judges abuse the privilege of their office to interfere in our reproductive freedom. I firmly support Prop. 139 because we need the legal right to abortion locked into our state constitution so we can make our own decisions about our bodies, families, and futures.

Like many of you, I was devastated when the U.S. Supreme Court ended the federal right to abortion. This ruling also harmed our ability to make personal decisions around pregnancy, miscarriage, and emergency care. Having been pregnant following the overturning of Roe v. Wade, I experienced the anxiety and uncertainty that my physician would not be able to provide lifesaving healthcare if I experienced complications along the way due to state laws banning abortion. I want a future where my daughters know their reproductive freedom is protected and that these deeply personal decisions stay between a patient and their healthcare provider.

Reproductive Freedom for All Arizona is proud to be a founding member of the only citizen initiative on the ballot to protect the legal right to abortion. The overwhelming majority of Arizonans support the right to abortion. The Arizona Abortion Access Act is the only grassroots effort that will build a future where all of us have true reproductive freedom. Vote YES on Prop. 139.

Athena Salman, Director of Arizona Campaigns, Reproductive Freedom For All, Tempe
Sponsored by Reproductive Freedom For All

The government should never play a role in anybody's fundamental right to make personal decisions for themselves and their families. The decision to bring a child into the world is a deeply personal one and the only people who should have any say in that decision are the parents

and medical professionals. This is not a Republican or a Democrat issue. It is a matter of personal freedom and privacy.

This citizen-initiated Abortion Access Amendment will amend the Arizona constitution to guarantee reproductive rights free from political interference. Without these protections, Arizona women would be forced to face the very real health threats that can arise from pregnancy and legal punishment for making their own healthcare decisions. Outlawing abortions will put millions of women's health and well-being at risk.

The majority of Arizonans support abortion rights because this is not a partisan issue. They know that this is an issue of personal freedom, one that should not be taken away.

Dana Offerman, Chair, Indivisible Tucson Action Alliance, Tucson

I consider myself a strong supporter of free speech, but I acknowledge that the First Amendment doesn't give me the right to shout fire in a crowded theater, defame a private citizen, or leak government secrets. Free speech is a right that is enshrined in the Constitution, and while the government is allowed to regulate it, those regulations must meet a high burden to justify violating one of our fundamental rights. I'd never support a law that unjustly took away someone's right to free speech, the same way I'd never support a campaign that sought to take a woman's right to make deeply personal medical decisions like terminating a pregnancy.

Those decisions are a matter of individual liberty and are between a woman, her doctor, and, if she's religious, her God. I don't like the idea of spineless politicians having a say in an American's personal life like that. In his first inaugural address, Ronald Reagan put it best: "Government has no power except that granted it by the people." Sometimes, voters need to remind the government that they work for us. And that means voting to enshrine certain rights - like the right to reproductive freedom - in the Constitution.

As a long-time Mohave County resident, I'm voting for the Abortion Access Act because I don't want to grant the government the power to regulate what anybody - man, woman, or child - does with their personal medical choices. When I'm faced with a question of adding a right to the Constitution or taking it away, I'm going to always err on the side of adding it.

Karen Moscato, Group Leader, Mohave County Indivisible, Bullhead City
Sponsored by Georgiana Stacey

YES: Amend the AZ Constitution for Women's Rights to Abortion Access

Vote Yes on Proposition 139

For over 95 years, the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) has advocated for CIVIL RIGHTS for the Hispanic population in the USA.
LULAC is committed to the PRINCIPLE THAT ALL WOMEN HAVE EQUAL ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE.

IN COMPLETE ALIGNMENT WITH NATIONAL LULAC resolutions and National Women's Platform, LULAC of Arizona Inc. unanimously passed a resolution IN SUPPORT OF THE "ARIZONA FOR ABORTION ACCESS" Initiative to Amend the Arizona Constitution on April 17, 2024 at the District 1 convention, and at the May 4, 2024 LULAC of Arizona, Inc. Convention.

LULAC resolves to support equity and protection for women's reproductive right to choose what is best for her and her family.

Vote YES on Proposition 139 to amend the Arizona constitution for women to make personal decisions about their own healthcare, access to the full spectrum of healthcare options, and establish a fundamental right to abortion.

Annette Sexton-Ruiz, President Council #1083
Jana Lynn Granillo, Vice President Council #1083

Annette Sexton-Ruiz, President Council #1083, LULAC of Arizona Inc., Phoenix and Jana Lynn Granillo, Vice President Council #1083, LULAC of Arizona Inc., Tempe
Sponsored by LULAC of Arizona Inc.

As a medical student dedicated to becoming a physician and providing the highest quality of care to patients, I wholeheartedly support the Arizona for Abortion Access Act. This legislation is crucial in preventing harmful government interference in reproductive health care, particularly concerning access to abortion services. Abortion is a fundamental and essential aspect of healthcare, sometimes necessary to safeguard a patient's health, life, and future fertility. Research has shown that a significant number of individuals seeking abortions are already parents, underscoring the importance of ensuring access to this vital healthcare option.

For aspiring healthcare professionals like myself, comprehensive training which includes providing abortion is essential to offer patient-centered care and support individuals in making informed decisions about their bodies, health, and families. The implications extend beyond Obstetrics and Gynecology, affecting specialties like Internal Medicine, Family Medicine, Emergency Medicine, and Surgery. For the second year in a row, since Roe v. Wade was overturned, students graduating from medical schools were less likely to apply for residency positions in states with abortion bans. The fear of restricted training opportunities due to abortion bans is leading many of my classmates to reconsider training and practicing in Arizona, potentially exacerbating the state's healthcare workforce shortage.

The repercussions of abortion restrictions go beyond access to abortion services. They impact healthcare access, including routine medical care, maternity services, and critical care. Arizona's high maternal mortality rates further underscore the urgent need to protect and expand healthcare services. By passing the Arizona for Abortion Access Act, we can safeguard healthcare access and address the broader implications of restrictive reproductive health policies. It is imperative to prioritize patient well-being, medical training, and healthcare access by supporting legislation that protects reproductive rights and ensures comprehensive care for all individuals.

Fatouma Tall, Medical Student, Tucson
Sponsored by Gayle Shanks

Arizonians should have the freedom to control our own bodies according to our own beliefs. After all, isn't physical liberty the essence of being a free person? It's our legislature's job to protect that right – not violate it. But our legislature is trying to force women to involuntarily remain pregnant in accordance with THEIR beliefs. Even before Roe vs Wade was overturned, our legislature enacted dozens of laws that make it harder to access reproductive health care, including abortion care, which is a special burden for women in rural communities. That's why citizens need to take matters into their own hands and vote to keep politicians out of our deeply private healthcare decisions.

Susan Shapiro, Director, Indivisible Northern AZ, Flagstaff

When I moved to Arizona, I admired its brand of “leave people alone” politics. I felt like I was in a state where politicians actually embraced personal freedom and liberty for all. But in the past several years, politicians changed that mantra to “personal freedom and liberty for people who agree with us.” That belief is spreading, and it's not good for our state.

A lot of people choose to move to Arizona for the weather and the personal and business opportunities that are available. But, if we become a state that abandons that basic principle – personal freedom and liberty for all - we risk losing more than our own personal liberty. We risk corporate investment drying up, economic opportunity dwindling and our highly qualified workforce needed for economic growth moving away. We're already seeing this dilemma in states with restrictive abortion laws.

I'm neither in favor of nor against abortion as a medical procedure – but I AM in favor of a return to Arizona's old-school political style where the government stayed out of people's personal and medical decisions, their faith-based beliefs and their doctor's offices. The kind of political style that developed national leaders like Barry Goldwater, John McCain, and Mark Kelly. The kind of politics that pulls people and money into the state, not pushes them away. That's why I'm voting for the citizen initiative Abortion for Access Act.

Everyone's beliefs and rights are important, not just a select few. We should all vote to add personal liberty and freedom to the AZ Constitution, not vote to take them away.

Gail Pretera, Scottsdale

Healthcare Rising is a fast-growing membership organization of everyday Arizonans — patients and caregivers; family, friends, and neighbors — dedicated to improving the standard of health and living in our state. Our 2,000+ contributing members include students, retirees, veterans, healthcare workers, teachers, patients with chronic conditions, and more.

We support Prop 139 because abortion is essential healthcare, and everyone should have the right to decide what happens to their body. The current bans in place today prevent Arizona women from getting necessary reproductive care, and have no exceptions for rape, incest, or health —

meaning women could face lifelong physical and mental consequences and could even die as a result.

When passed, Prop 139 will enshrine the fundamental right to abortion in Arizona's constitution, saving women's lives for generations to come. We know Arizonans enthusiastically support this issue, as our members collected a record-number of signatures to qualify Prop 139 for the ballot.

As a member-driven organization, Healthcare Rising depends on the participation of everyday Arizonans to make real, substantive changes to fix our broken healthcare system and improve Arizonans' quality of life. Across the state we have talked to countless ordinary Arizonans who want to restore our freedom to choose. We can't let the government continue to mess around with our rights — our reproductive healthcare decisions should be made by regular people like us, not politicians.

The Members of Healthcare Rising Arizona, Phoenix
Sponsored by Arizonans Fed Up with Failing Healthcare (Healthcare Rising AZ)

The ACLU of Arizona has long been at the forefront of fighting for reproductive freedom and abortion access – from taking the state to court and advocating at the legislature, to standing with communities across the state to demand our rights. Now, the ACLU of Arizona is proud to endorse Proposition 139.

After decades of relentless attacks against reproductive freedom, including reviving a total abortion ban from Arizona's territorial era, voters are now faced with the opportunity to reclaim our rights and ensure that our loved ones and neighbors can get essential abortion care when they need it.

The Arizona for Abortion Access Act would enshrine the right to abortion in the state constitution. This proposition gives people the power to make their own important, personal healthcare decisions without political interference, prevents abortion providers from being thrown in jail, and protects those who offer support to someone who is seeking abortion care.

Everyone deserves the freedom to make their own healthcare decisions, including whether or when to start or grow their family. Not only do abortion restrictions go against this shared value, but they create dangerous situations when people are turned away from the care they need. Furthermore, these laws are deeply inequitable and most harm the same people who have always faced systemic barriers to care — communities of color, people with low incomes, immigrants, indigenous people, people in rural communities, young people, the LGBTQ+ community, and people with disabilities.

A yes vote on Proposition 139 will stop overzealous, extremist politicians from interfering with people's most personal and private reproductive healthcare decisions, safeguarding our rights once and for all. Most importantly, it will restore and protect access to safe, reliable abortion care that our communities need and deserve.

Victoria Lopez, Director of Program and Strategy, ACLU of Arizona, Phoenix

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I am a trauma surgeon, a husband, a father to an amazing daughter, and a Republican. I have many reasons to speak up in support of the AAA but it is my role as a surgeon that compels me the most. The AAA is essential for protecting the sacred bond between medical professionals and their patients. As medical professionals, we are bound by an ancient oath to provide the best care possible. Limiting access to healthcare prevents us from fulfilling this duty.

As a trauma surgeon, pregnancy and the unfortunate situations resulting in the possible loss of a pregnancy are a very small percentage of my work. Nevertheless, I cannot stay silent about the injustices my colleagues face in providing substandard care. The patient-physician bond and our guiding principles are the cornerstone of healthcare in our country and should not be influenced by emotional discord, religious beliefs, or political maneuvering.

As a father, I advocate for the life and future of my daughter. As a Republican, I stand strongly for personal freedom and bodily autonomy in ALL stages of life. And as a physician, I prioritize the health of my patients above all else.

Medical care, in all its complexities, should ALWAYS be a private matter between a patient and their physician, not something to be decided by insurance companies or on the floor of legislative buildings. We have treaded down a dangerous path in the field of medicine and bodily autonomy. I urge you to vote yes on the AAA.

Dr. Kaveh Najafi, DO FACS

Dr. Kaveh Najafi, Scottsdale

As a lifetime advocate of protecting women's rights and a fighter against the trafficking of women and girls, I can't encourage my fellow voters enough to vote YES on the Arizona Abortion Access Act. Women's rights are fundamental to society's well being and our welfare affects not only our own bodies and minds but those of our families and of the state as well. Please make your voice heard by voting YES on the Arizona Abortion Access Act!!!

Marilyn Seymann, Phoenix

The government should not play a role in anybody's fundamental right to make personal decisions for themselves and for their future. The choice to bring a child into the world is one of those deeply personal decisions, and the only people who should have any say in that decision are the parents and medical professionals. This is not a Republican or Democrat issue: it's a matter of personal freedom and privacy.

The citizen initiated Abortion Access Amendment will amend the Arizona constitution to guarantee reproductive rights free from political interference. Without these protections, Arizona women would be forced to face the very real health threats that can arise from being pregnant and legal punishment for making their own healthcare decisions.

Outlawing abortions will not stop them and will put millions of women's health and well-being at risk. The fact is that over 90% of Arizonans support abortion rights: it's not a partisan issue. It's a personal freedom issue, and voters should always err on the side of enshrining a right, not on taking it away.

Cristal Lewis, Prescott Indivisible, Prescott

Sierra Club Grand Canyon Chapter - Vote YES on Arizona for Abortion Access (AAA)

The Sierra Club is a United States grassroots environmental organization dedicated to defending everyone's right to a healthy world. The Grand Canyon (Arizona) Chapter has been active in Arizona for nearly 60 years and has members and supporters throughout the state. We support every person's right to self-determination and bodily autonomy. We believe that every individual deserves the freedom to make their own healthcare decisions without unnecessary interference.

The Arizona for Abortion Access Act establishes a right to abortion in our state. The Act will restore protections we had before the repeal of Roe v. Wade stripped Arizonans of our rights to access reproductive care. This Act will prevent extreme bans, such as those enacted in states including Mississippi, Arkansas, and Alabama, and the one that was allowed by Arizona's extreme right Supreme Court. These bans serve to limit our freedom to access necessary healthcare. The Act will also prevent penalizing people who assist another person in exercising their right to access reproductive healthcare.

Arizona's Chapter of the Sierra Club recommends voting YES on the Arizona for Abortion Access Act because Arizonans should have the right to make our own healthcare decisions! Reproductive health rights are inalienable human rights that should be guaranteed for all individuals.

Cyndi Tuell, Chair, Sierra Club - Grand Canyon Chapter, Tucson and Jim Vaaler, Vice-chair, Sierra Club - Grand Canyon Chapter, Phoenix

I'm a lifelong Goldwater Republican, and like Goldwater himself, I believe in women's rights and hold freedom as a central value.

Back in 1979, I had a lucrative job offer that required that I enlist in the Army Reserves. It was a fantastic opportunity to make life better for my family. After taking all the written and physical tests, the Army doctor informed me that I had met all the criteria to enlist, except for the fact that I was pregnant with my third child. Army rules at the time limited the number of dependents an enlistee could have. I could give up legal custody of my children or I could turn down the job. Because of Roe vs. Wade, I had a third option.

I chose to turn down the job offer and have my baby. But it was my decision to make. I got to choose for myself what I wanted for my future. Now, 45 years later, my daughter, granddaughter,

and great-granddaughter don't have the right to choose for themselves. What other rights will they lose because they are women?

Women choose to have abortions when it is a necessity, for economic or medical reasons, or because they have been victims of sexual violence. The complexity of these decisions cannot be accounted for by abortion bans: women know what is best for themselves and should be trusted to make their own decisions.

Republicans are supposed to prioritize freedom. I am appalled that the private religious beliefs of Arizona politicians have become more important than what voters want. This is why it is critical that we vote YES on the Arizona Abortion Access Act. Let's take abortion out of the hands of extreme politicians and give decision-making back to women and their medical providers.

Sandra Mitsis, Tempe

Sponsored by Kelly Vega, MSN, APRN, CNM

Opponents of the citizen-initiated Abortion Access Amendment say it goes too far – that it would permit Arizona women to have late-term abortions. While the amendment does carve out an exception for post-viability abortions for cases when the life of the mother is in immediate danger, those instances are exceedingly rare, and it does not permit abortions after about 20 weeks unless a licensed medical professional deems it necessary for health reasons.

Medical complications occur, making an abortion necessary and heartbreaking. Women should never risk being sent to jail for protecting their health or when knowing that a child will not survive.

This amendment doesn't go too far. It does exactly what the majority of Americans support: establishes a right to reproductive freedom and offers a safety net for parents who face the unfathomable choice to either end their pregnancy or risk their own health.

For the health of pregnant women everywhere, vote yes.

Maria Lynam, Democratic Women of the Prescott Area, Prescott

Abortion access is often discussed only through a moral or ethical lens, but it should also be considered as an economic issue on both a personal and societal level. Janet Yellen, Secretary of the Treasury noted, "Eliminating the right of women to make decisions about when and whether to have children would have very damaging effects on the economy and would set women back decades."

States that restrict or don't allow abortion access suffer from:

- >> Lower wages
- >> Less health insurance security
- >> Lower unemployment benefits
- >> Higher levels of incarceration

Abortion access is not just a woman's issue. It impacts the economy of our state and country and will continue to do so for future generations. As the owner of a business in Arizona for 50 years, I know that women must have the right to decide when to have children without sacrificing their career and ability to support their families. Women's educational attainment is highly correlated

with earnings, so deciding when to have children affects their lifetime income and economic security.

Unplanned births make it harder for women to work, especially when children are young. Women already face barriers to full-time work due to the lack of support that caregivers need to successfully meet both work and family responsibilities—support like a living wage, paid family and medical leave, high-quality affordable child care, and predictable yet flexible schedules.

The current push to take away women's reproductive autonomy while simultaneously cutting social benefit programs will leave women with no social, political, or economic support. We must actively resist the attempt to control women's bodies and expect them to willingly sacrifice their right to live productive lives.

Take a big step in the right direction – vote YES on this amendment.

Gayle Shanks, Founder and Co-owner, Changing Hands Bookstore, Tempe

The 14th Amendment and the Due Process Clause of the U.S. Constitution guarantee women privacy, liberty and agency.

After the Human Genome Project was declared complete in April 2003, scientists in all fields, including medicine, finally understood the complexities of all that has to happen to take a fertilized egg to birth. So much can go wrong, and according to experts, 47%-80% of all fertilized eggs/embryos (normal and abnormal) are naturally aborted, due to random genetic errors. About 75% of all human conceptions fail to survive. This is nature's way of "preventing something gone wrong." Sometimes, nature does not do the job. This is where medical health care is needed. Then, you can add in rape, incest, mental and physical health or well-being of the mother, and you realize how important it is to leave those health care decisions to the mother and her doctor/s. No politician is qualified to make those decisions for others; nor are they qualified to determine what happens in the various stages of pre-embryonic development, fertilization, implantation, embryogenesis, and fetal development and functional milestones that lead to life; only science can do that. It is also only science that can determine "this is when life begins."

Since Roe v. Wade was decided on January 24, 1973, it has been settled law that a woman had the right to choose an abortion until a fetus becomes viable. But it has never acknowledged the many things that can go wrong, from conception right up until the birth.

It is time to give all women the right to determine their own personal medical and reproductive decisions, including the right to an abortion!

As a registered Democrat and a registered Republican, we urge a YES vote on the Arizona Abortion Access Act!

Lisa Glenn and Lloyd Glenn
Willcox, Arizona

Lisa Glenn, Willcox and Lloyd Glenn, Willcox
Sponsored by Candace Lew, MD

Ballot Measure Argument for Proposition 139, AAA Arizona for Abortion Access – Jodi Liggett, Arizona Center for Women’s Advancement (ACWA)

The overwhelming majority of Arizonans support women and families in making their own decisions about abortion care, without government interference. In 1992 Arizona voters soundly rejected a measure (69%-31%) to ban most abortions. Having lost at the ballot, extremist politicians turned their efforts to legislation. Over the last three decades 40 or more restrictions have been enacted on abortion clinics, doctors, even patients themselves. These regulations were not proposed or supported by medical professionals or public health experts. Rather, they are a result of a coordinated, cynical effort by ultra-conservative activists and politicians to use abortion as a “hot button” issue for selfish political ends. The effects have been devastating for Arizona women. Mandatory in-person physician visits, 24-hour waiting periods, invasive ultrasound examinations and other medically unnecessary requirements mean that residents in vast swaths of our state have no effective access to abortion care- no matter how dire their situation may be.

Arizonans in 1992 understood that medical decisions about care like abortion belong with patients, families, and their medical providers. That hasn’t changed. What Arizonans understand now is that politicians cannot be trusted on this issue. Left to their own devices, they will continue to turn abortion into a political football and patients will suffer, or even die as a result. Without this Constitutional amendment, extremists in Arizona, like those in other states, will never stop pushing for a total ban on abortion. But voters CAN put an end to this dangerous nonsense, for good. By voting YES on Proposition 139, the Arizona for Abortion Access measure, voters will ensure that every Arizonan can make their own healthcare decisions, free from government interference.

Jodi Liggett, Founder, Arizona Center for Women's Advancement, Tempe

As advocates for equity and justice in rural Arizona, we recognize the importance of ensuring that all individuals, regardless of their location, have access to comprehensive healthcare services, including reproductive care.

Prop 139 is a critical step towards creating a more equitable and just healthcare system in our communities.

In rural areas, accessing healthcare can be challenging due to limited resources and infrastructure. It is essential that rural Arizonans are included in the conversation to ensure our unique healthcare needs and challenges are addressed in our policies and solutions. The lack of accessible reproductive healthcare options, including abortion services, disproportionately affects rural residents, particularly those who are low-income or marginalized.

By supporting this amendment, we can address these disparities and ensure that everyone in our communities has access to the care they need.

For Rural Arizona Action, supporting this amendment is about advancing equity and justice in our communities. It's about advocating for policies that promote access to healthcare and protect the rights of all individuals, regardless of where they live.

By voting yes on Prop 139, we can create a more inclusive and compassionate healthcare system that serves the needs of rural Arizonans and upholds our shared values of dignity, autonomy, and justice.

Please join me and the Rural Arizona Action community in voting YES on Prop 139

Pablo Correa
Executive Director
Rural Arizona Action

Pablo Correa, Executive Director, Rural Arizona Action, Casa Grande
Sponsored by Rural Arizona Action

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Though the 1864 law is repealed, it is still necessary to ensure that women's rights to health and proper medical care are in the state Constitution. A statute can be changed in any legislative session. A Constitutional amendment cannot.

Twenty-five percent of pregnancies end in miscarriage; 8% of pregnancies have complications dangerous to the health of the mother or fetus. The state law still has a 15-week-ban with no consideration for these medical complications. As in the TX decision, women's health and even life is of no concern under the law. We object. Women must be ensured access to quality medical care based on their individual situation.

The failure to treat women as individual citizens with rights has resulted in a maternal mortality rate in the U.S. that increased 40% in 2021. Black mortality is extremely high in the U.S. with Black women nearly three times more likely to die during pregnancy. Our Black mortality rates fall below those of poverty-stricken third-world countries. The rate of prenatal care needed to keep the mother and infant healthy has declined by 2% every year since 2014.

The damage caused by the Dobbs decision has resulted in doctors being attacked for helping a 10-year-old who was raped, in women having to flee a state as they nearly bled to death, in

abusive men chasing their victims and suing their supporters, and in OBGYN centers in hospitals closing so women have no services at all. Ironically the U.S. birth rate has fallen as women choose not to get pregnant since they are denied adequate medical care. They can't put their lives on the line especially if they have other children. If your mother got you here safely, pass the Act so others can too.

Dianne Post, President, Central Phoenix Inez Casiano NOW, Phoenix

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On December 13, 1923, feminists introduced the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) into Congress. In 1972, the ERA passed out of the House and Senate with the required two-thirds majority. On January 22, 2020, it received the thirty-eighth ratification (Virginia). On January 22, 2022, it went into effect. To date, the national archivist has not published the amendment in the official register. However, publication is not necessary for the 28th Amendment to be legally valid.

Some people claim that women do not need the 28th Amendment because we are protected by the 14th Amendment. A simple thought experiment proves that is not true – if the 14th Amendment gave us equal rights, why did we need the 19th Amendment to vote?

Women like enslaved people and Indigenous peoples had no rights in this country when it was founded. Corporations were covered by the equal protection and due process clauses of the Fourteenth Amendment in 1868. However, the court made it perfectly clear in 1874 that women were not covered under the Fourteenth Amendment.

Not until 1973 did women gain control over their own bodies. In 2022, the highly partisan Supreme Court struck down that principle in a case that will go down with Dred Scott and Plessy v. Ferguson as an example of the failures of the Supreme Court. Now that the ERA is the 28th Amendment, the regulation of women's bodies by the government is no longer allowed. The Arizona Access to Abortion Act should be passed to guarantee that women in AZ are included in "We the People."

Dianne Post, Coordinator, ERA Task Force AZ, Phoenix

Abortion care is health care. It is with this fundamental conviction that I urge you to vote YES for the Arizona Abortion Access Act, Prop 139.

Over my many decades working as a public health professional and advocate in Arizona, I have seen that punitive health policies have the greatest negative impact on our low-income residents and people living in rural and under-resourced areas. Passing the Arizona for Abortion Access Act, Prop 139 is an important step to protect public health in Arizona. Patients deserve our care, trust, and protection.

It is not enough that lawmakers recently repealed Arizona's 1864 total abortion ban. Patients and providers will continue to face legislative restrictions that criminalize the act of healthcare and

our health will continue to be subject to the whim of Arizona lawmakers. Unfortunately, we have seen politicians and judges here in Arizona seek to interfere in our personal and private healthcare decisions. These bans limit access to care for patients, despite the fact that every pregnancy is unique.

Abortion bans do not protect or advance public health. Instead, these bans create an ethical crisis for doctors and clinicians by forcing them to deny or delay abortion care for patients facing potentially life-threatening pregnancy complications and health conditions. Abortion bans can create a culture of confusion and fear, discouraging doctors from providing care because of threats of severe professional, civil, and criminal penalties.

The Arizona Abortion Access Act, Prop 139 is the only solution to stopping extreme bans from taking effect, and from negatively impacting public health in our state.

I encourage you to vote YES on Abortion Access Act, Prop 139.

Maia Ingram, MPH

Maia Ingram, Tucson

The Democrats of the Red Rocks supports this amendment. For months we have been gathering signatures to bring this measure to the ballot and people have been eager to lend their support.

Women should control what happens to their bodies. They should have the freedom to make decisions according to their own beliefs and never be forced to live or act according to someone else's beliefs. Personal freedoms should not be determined by politics. The role of government is to protect people from such intrusions.

Access to contraception and reproductive health care are fundamental freedoms that should be protected in the State Constitution. We urge voters to vote YES on the Amendment.

Ellen Ferreira, President, Democrats of the Red Rocks, Sedona

For the past thirty years, the Women's Foundation for the State of Arizona has been devoted to attacking the root causes of the barriers facing women and girls who seek full access to opportunities in our society.

One of the large barriers is the limited capability of Arizonans to elect when and how they choose to have a family. A lack of bodily autonomy, like Arizona's current limited abortion access, is a significant issue on that front. The unfortunate truth is that today, we live in an Arizona, where women and girls have fewer rights and face more barriers than their mothers and grandmothers.

Now more than ever, the Women's Foundation for the State of Arizona is determined to ensure women and girls of all identities in Arizona have the opportunity to thrive. This is why the

Women's Foundation for the State of Arizona supports the Arizona for Abortion Access Act, Prop 139.

If we do not pass the Arizona for Abortion Access Act, We risk stronger limitations on bodily autonomy being enacted in the future. We are fully aware that extreme politicians continue to pursue a total abortion ban, and passing Prop 139 is the only solution to solidify an individual's right to full access to abortion care. Eliminating politicians and judges and allowing patients, their families, and healthcare providers to make these very personal decisions.

As an organization focused on creating social, political, and economic change that achieves equity for women and girls, the Women's Foundation for the State of Arizona whole-heartedly supports the Arizona for Abortion Access Act and urges you to vote YES on Prop 139.

Katia A. Jones
Women's Foundation for the State of Arizona

Katia Jones, Chief Executive Officer, Women's Foundation for the State of Arizona, Glendale

Sponsored by Women's Foundation for the State of Arizona

By voting for Prop 139 voters can restore to Arizona women the constitutional right to abortion that was taken from them by religious extremists on the U.S. Supreme Court in June 2022. The court overturned 50 years of precedent, paving the way for states to ban abortion. Current Arizona law, besides imposing an arbitrary 15-week ban, also Includes many other restrictions on abortion, making the process to get care confusing, complicated and expensive. For example, patients must undergo an unnecessary ultrasound, followed by a 24-hour waiting period, before receiving abortion care. In cases where the woman's life is in danger from medical complications caused by a non-viable pregnancy, Arizona law creates lengthy delays which can cause her to lose her life.

And abortion pills are banned from being prescribed remotely via telemedicine. Patients who require abortion later in pregnancy (after 15 weeks) are forced to travel out of state for care. And current Arizona law prohibits health insurance plans for state employees and health insurance providers on the state exchange to cover abortion care.

Arizonans understand that everyone deserves the freedom to make their own healthcare decisions, including when to start or grow their family, without the interference of politicians, government officials and bureaucrats. Now, more than ever, this is the time to enshrine the right to abortion in our state constitution.

Larry Thomas, Surprise

The National Council of Jewish Women Arizona (NCJW AZ) is a grassroots social justice organization that has been advocating for 107 years in the state of Arizona to protect the rights and improve the lives of women, children and families. We are dedicated to ensuring equity and justice, especially for the most vulnerable among us, and our call to action is guided by Deuteronomy which says, "justice, justice shall you pursue."

For this and many other reasons, our organization strongly supports Prop. 139.

We know that extreme abortion bans - like what we have here in Arizona - always have the worst impact on the most vulnerable among us. That is why it is so critical for us to enshrine abortion rights in our state constitution.

Without access to legal abortion in Arizona, women are forced to leave the state to get the care they need - which we know not everyone has the means to do. This can put their health, fertility, and even their lives at risk.

Our social justice mission is framed by reproductive justice and bodily autonomy. We cannot stand by as the legislature and courts intervene in personal medical decisions and put women's health and lives at risk by dangerous abortion bans.

We need Prop. 139 to ensure that Arizonans are protected and that their deeply personal healthcare decisions are theirs to make with their healthcare providers, and not dictated by the government.

Please join me in supporting Arizona for Abortion Access. Join me in voting YES on Prop 139

Civia Tamarkin, President
National Council of Jewish Women - Arizona

Civia Tamarkin, President, National Council of Jewish Women – Arizona, Carefree
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As the nation's largest LGBTQ+ civil rights organization dedicated to equality and liberation for all people, we know that women and LGBTQ+ are under attack. To fight back and reclaim our rights, we support the Arizona Abortion Access Act, which will protect the right to abortion in the state constitution.

LGBTQ+ people are disproportionately affected by abortion bans. Even prior to the Dobbs decision, lesbian, bisexual, and queer cisgender women reported higher rates of unwanted or mistimed pregnancies relative to heterosexual women, often due to the discrimination that they face in healthcare settings. In turn, lesbian, bisexual, and queer cisgender women are more likely to seek abortion care than their heterosexual counterparts.

Abortion bans take away control from the only person who should be making your personal decisions: We must fight back together and make our voices heard — we refuse to let a small group of radicals dictate control over our healthcare, family planning, bodily autonomy and ultimately the right to make decisions about our own futures. Abortion is health care, and health care is a human right. Now is the time to fight for full bodily autonomy and reproductive freedom without exception. Vote YES on the Arizona Abortion Access Act in November.

Bridget Sharpe

Arizona State Director
Human Rights Campaign

Bridget Sharpe, Arizona State Director, Human Rights Campaign, Phoenix
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My name is Nilay Jones, and I am a Fellow with the Arizona Students' Association. Like many of us, I did not get involved with reproductive rights until I had a post Dobbs reality check. One of my family members got pregnant in Georgia, and when she went to get an abortion, the clinic told her they could not give her one because they heard a heartbeat, even though she had made it before Georgia's 10-week limit. She then had to travel out of state weeks later to get an abortion that was more traumatic than it should have been. Supporting her through this situation made me wonder what more I could have done to prevent this happening to her, or any person who could be pregnant against their will or need an emergency abortion. Through the Arizona Students' Association, I was able to plug into a group in Flagstaff circulating the Arizona Access to Abortion petition. Circulating the petition myself has made me feel empowered to protect the people I love, and vouch for my own bodily autonomy this November when I see our amendment on the ballot.

Nilay Jones, Arizona Students' Association, Flagstaff
Sponsored by Arizona Students' Association

Yes, the Arizona Abortion Access Act is the right choice for personal freedom. But it's also the right choice to ensure that Arizona continues to grow and prosper economically. That's why I am voting YES on Prop 139.

I'm a mom who raised three kids in Arizona, and I'm a longtime business leader. I've spent much of my life and career working to serve our communities and help grow our state's economy. The research is clear that restrictive abortion laws don't just harm women and families—they also harm state economies. By one estimate, abortion restrictions cost each state an average of \$173 billion in reduced labor force participation and earnings levels every year.

Arizona is one of the fastest growing states in the country, for many wonderful and understandable reasons. Curbing access to abortion care will have lasting detrimental economic effects in Arizona, as companies and workers choose other states that empower them to thrive and shape their own futures. Employers are increasingly choosing to move to states that allow abortion care, in order to attract and retain top talent. Doctors and nurses are leaving states with abortion restrictions. Ob/gyn and emergency medicine residency applications have fallen notably in states with abortion restrictions. It's no surprise that the 10 states that suffered the greatest economic losses in 2022 also had the most restrictive abortion laws in the country. We can do better in and for Arizona.

To stay competitive and attractive to businesses and workers, Arizonans must make it clear that we value personal freedom. And that we trust families to make the best choices for themselves regarding reproductive healthcare. I am proud to vote yes on Prop 139. It's the right thing for Arizona families, and it's the right thing for Arizona's economic

future.

Ann Christine Becker, Fountain Hills

United Food and Commercial Workers Local 99 supports a yes vote on Prop 139.

As a union worker in Arizona, I understand the importance of protecting our rights and freedoms, both in the workplace and beyond. Prop 139 is not just a matter of reproductive healthcare—it's a matter of fundamental rights and dignity for all Arizonans, including union members.

At its core, this amendment is about ensuring that every individual has the autonomy to make their own healthcare decisions, free from interference by politicians and special interests. Just as we fight for fair wages, safe working conditions, and collective bargaining rights, we must also stand up for the right of every person to control their own bodies and futures.

As a union member, I know the importance of solidarity and standing together with my brothers and sisters in the face of attacks on our rights. The Arizona Abortion Access Act is a critical defense against extremist attempts to roll back reproductive rights and impose harmful restrictions on healthcare. By voting yes on Prop 139, we send a powerful message that in Arizona, we value freedom and autonomy for all, regardless of our occupation or economic status.

In the spirit of solidarity and justice, let us unite behind this amendment and ensure that every Arizonan has the freedom to make their own healthcare decisions, without fear or coercion. Our rights are non-negotiable, and together, we will defend them at the ballot box.

Please join me in voting YES on Prop 139

Gayle Lutz, Union Member, UFCW Local 99, Mesa
Sponsored by Arizona For Abortion Access

For years, I organized alongside Arizona communities as the Executive Director of Living United For Change in Arizona (LUCHA) a membership-led organization, which fought to win an increase to Arizona's minimum wage and paid leave in 2016. We've gone further now and secured wins for housing affordability, education, and more via our fights at the ballot box and the legislature. Our organization puts people first, and fights for a better quality of life and future for everyday Arizonans.

LUCHA and its majority Latinx membership is lining up again on the front lines to protect our right to care. That's why we are wholeheartedly supporting the Arizona for Abortion Access citizen's initiative.

Please join me in voting YES on the Arizona for Abortion Access campaign.

Earlier this year, like many Arizonans, I was outraged - but not surprised - when the Arizona Supreme Court voted to uphold a ban on nearly all abortions. When that happened, our

membership was devastated - a right had been taken away from them and they knew that their families would suffer. That is at the core of why LUCHA is supporting this initiative.

These private and personal decisions belong to families, women, trusted loved ones and healthcare providers. Not politicians.

That's why I urge a YES vote on the only citizen-led measure to enshrine abortion access into the Arizona Constitution, where it will be protected from politicians' reckless and often-intrusive hands.

No matter how you personally feel about abortion, most Arizonans agree these deeply personal choices should be decided by patients, our families, and our healthcare providers. Let's make this protection a part of our constitution, so we can uphold our rights for the next generation.

LUCHA supports Arizona For Abortion Access. Please join us in voting YES for Arizona for Abortion Access.

Alejandra Gomez, Executive Director, Living United for Change in Arizona, Phoenix

Bottom line: Arizonans deserve the freedom to make our own healthcare decisions and every opportunity to succeed.

That's why I am voting YES on Prop 139.

Access to safe and legal abortion is an issue of bodily autonomy, and one of economic fairness. I have had the opportunity to lead in a variety of roles over the course of fifty years calling Arizona home. From serving as Mayor of Tempe, to leading a national LGBTQ+ civil rights organization, to now shepherding a diverse coalition of Arizona business leaders for the greater good. Across these roles, I have been grounded in honoring the freedom and agency of all people, and the desire to create conditions that allow them to thrive.

The Arizona for Abortion Access Act will do the same. This citizen's initiative permits patients, their families, and healthcare providers to make deeply personal healthcare decisions. Every individual and every circumstance is different – I trust Arizonans to know their lives better than any politician, and to make the healthcare choices that are best for them.

I also appreciate that access to safe and legal abortion is an economic issue. As our state grows, we must consider how we welcome the workforce of the future. We should further a competitive landscape for employees, physicians, and healthcare providers. Educational attainment, increased earning potential, participation in the workforce, and poverty levels are all linked to access to care. Honoring the right of every Arizonan to determine their care is key to the success of our state.

Finally, Prop 139 is not partisan. It restores the freedom and protection Americans have experienced for fifty years. Our next generation of Arizonans deserve to enjoy the same rights that we did. Please join me in voting YES on Prop 139.

Neil Giuliano

Neil Giuliano, Tempe

Arizona Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Advocates aims to give marginalized communities a voice in politics through outreach and education. We are fighting for our people to ensure a safe, healthy, and fair future for the next generation and beyond.

For this reason, AZ AANHPI Advocates supports the Arizona for Abortion Access Act.

All people should have the freedom to choose whether to have a child. This bodily autonomy is a fundamental human right.

Our Asian American, Pacific Islander, and Native Hawaiian community already faces decreased access to all types of healthcare, including reproductive, prenatal and abortion care.

Our communities make up nearly 5% of the electorate in Arizona, and we are almost 330,000 strong across the state. AAPI Data and The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research found that nearly 8 in 10 Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders think abortion should be legal in all or most cases. It is critical for us to uplift our voices by supporting this ballot initiative so that reproductive health is accessible to all of us.

Over 1.3 million AANHPI women of reproductive age nationwide live in a state with a partial or complete abortion ban. 66,100 Asian American women in Arizona and more than 3,000 Pacific Islander women are impacted by the state abortion restrictions.

It's time to put medical and healthcare decisions in the hands of doctors and patients, not politicians and judges. I am excited to vote yes on Proposition 139.

Please join AZ AANHPI Advocates in voting YES on Proposition 139.

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Jennifer Chau, Executive Director, Arizona Asian American Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Advocates, Tempe and Lan Hoang, Operations Director, Arizona Asian American Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Advocates, Phoenix

Arizona Coalition for Change is a Black-led organization focused on empowering everyday people to transform their community through building civic power, leadership development, and community collaboration.

Our organization is committed to amplifying marginalized voices, advocating for meaningful policy changes, and inspiring others to join the fight for a more just and equitable society.

It is because of this commitment that the Arizona Coalition for Change supports the Arizona Abortion Access Act.

The well documented disparities in healthcare and abortion care in underserved communities persisted long before the fall of Roe. Black women and women of color who have been disproportionately impacted by the costs and logistical challenges to accessing abortion care now face even more barriers, the disparity only increased with the efforts of extreme politicians who seek to interfere in what should be personal private decisions. This bodily autonomy, a fundamental human right, is only protected by the passage of the Arizona Abortion Access Act.

As we at the Arizona Coalition for Change work to develop and uplift voices in our communities to take on our nation's most pressing issues, we stand with the coalition, a proud partner in the fight to ensure that the Arizona Abortion Access Act, the only solution to amend our constitution and enshrine the right to abortion care in Arizona becomes law.

Join us in this work and in this coalition to restore and protect our freedoms, uplift the marginalized and vulnerable and create an Arizona that works for all of us.

Vote YES on the Arizona Abortion Access Act, Prop 139.

Sena Mohammed, Executive Director, Arizona Coalition For Change, Laveen
Sponsored by Arizona For Abortion Access

WHAT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CHILD? Opponents of abortion proclaim someone has to protect the unborn fetus who has no voice. Fetal viability is 24-28 weeks. Women have many reasons to terminate a pregnancy.

Consider the impact on an unwanted child? Suppose the fetus is the result of a woman raped who is now forced to relive a wound that has left an indelible traumatic mark resulting in emotional and psychological damage; a trauma that she is reminded of every day for nine months and beyond. Traumatic memories may become buried but not forgotten. These scars interfere with a parents' ability to love and nurture unconditionally.

Many infants are born to women who live with domestic violence, addictions, or mental illness. A woman too young to know how to care for an infant, or, she herself was abused and neglected having no positive role model for good parenting. Issues for which a woman chooses or unable to seek help; leaving her with few resources to care for an infant, getting no pre-natal care or very little.

This child had NO CHOICE and was exposed to excessive drugs and alcohol inter-utero; often born premature, addicted and, IF he survives has compromised physical and irreparable cognitive development. Infants born addicted suffer the pain of withdrawal and need medicine, the same as prescribed to an adult.

In January 2024, the US department of children and family services reported that 558,899 children were victims of abuse and neglect. Of those, it is estimated that 1930 resulted in death;

results likely under reported. Women know what they are able or unable to do. This is why women should have THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE when and if they need to terminate their pregnancy. A child carried to term has NO CHOICE OR VOICE.

Ginger Marcus, Retired Clinical Social Worker, Tucson

I have worn many hats over the course of my life and career. From husband, to father, to board member, to advocate, to Congressional aide and to U.S. Member of Congress.

I have been fortunate to have been involved with efforts to improve our community and support people who have been marginalized. One initiative I am particularly proud of is The Fund for Civility Respect and Understanding. This nonprofit was created following the tragic January 8, 2011 shootings at Congresswoman Giffords' constituent event.

Building this organization helped me heal and reach out to my fellow Americans. Across party identity, race, geography, and ideology, most of us support the same values.

This approach has served me well - I have a track record of working across the aisle and across differences to make positive things happen in our community.

It is in this spirit that I whole heartedly endorse the Arizona for Abortion Access Act. Please join me in voting YES on PROP 139.

The Arizona for Abortion Access Act is supported by Republicans, Democrats, and Independents alike. This is an issue of personal freedom, and compassion for our fellow Arizonans.

We are parents of two daughters who grew up with the right to make their own reproductive health care decisions. I am alarmed that my three granddaughters have lost that freedom. We must act to restore this fundamental right.

We all have our own personal feelings about abortion. That doesn't mean our views should be imposed on others. The Arizona for Abortion Access act puts these decisions where they belong - in the hands of women and their healthcare providers.

Let's act with compassion, and restore to every woman the right to make her healthcare decisions for herself without interference from politicians and unaccountable Justices.

Vote YES on Proposition 139.

Ron Barber, Consultant, Self, Tucson

Abortion bans come with an increased risk of criminalization for communities of color. For this and many other reasons, we must pass the Arizona Abortion Access Act.

At Poder In Action, we work day in and day out alongside community members working to create a more healthy, safe, and fair future for Arizona. An important part of this work includes building power with people who have been harmed by systems built to prioritize the richest people, whitest communities, and greediest corporations.

Across the nation, abortion bans are leading to police interfering in the most intimate parts of people's lives.

A woman in Ohio experienced a miscarriage and was arrested and charged with "felony abuse of a corpse." Other people have been interrogated by police about their pregnancy loss. Doctors fear being handcuffed for providing life-saving care.

This is the future that extremist politicians will create for Arizonans if we do not pass the Arizona Abortion Access Act.

For generations, communities of color have been disproportionately impacted by government interference in our reproductive healthcare choices. Our current healthcare system is already failing Black, Indigenous, and Latine women. Extreme abortion bans only make that worse. We cannot allow this to continue, and we cannot allow politicians to make our most intimate and deeply personal healthcare decisions for us.

The people-led Arizona Abortion Access Act gets us closer to a world where all people have the freedom to control their own bodies and lives.

For this and many other reasons, I am voting YES on Prop 139.

Please join me in supporting this citizen's initiative to protect our care, our families, and our communities.

Viridiana Hernandez- Executive Director, Poder In Action, Phoenix

Ben Laughlin- Policy & Research Coordinator, Poder In Action, Phoenix

Viridiana Hernandez, Executive Director, Poder In Action, Phoenix and Ben Laughlin, Policy & Research Coordinator, Poder In Action, Phoenix

Arizonans deserve the freedom to make our own healthcare decisions. These private and personal choices belong in the hands of patients, their family and their provider—not the government. We must support the Abortion Access ballot initiative to protect Arizonans' reproductive freedoms from the extreme bans we've seen firsthand in our state. The initiative restores the rights women held for 50 years before Trump's Supreme Court repealed them. In Congress, I will fight to restore Roe v. Wade into law, and that starts by defeating Juan Ciscomani, who has voted again and again to restrict abortion access. As a woman and a mom of a teenage daughter, I want these fundamentally personal decisions made by those whose lives are impacted by them – and often saved by them – and not by politicians willing to sacrifice women's lives and health for campaign contributions. An abortion ban takes away rights and freedoms earned by generations of Arizona women, restricts access to contraceptives and IVF, and mandates prison time for anyone who helps a woman get an abortion; which could include friends and family as well as medical professionals. Arizona's current abortion ban (illegal after 15-weeks, months earlier than viability, with NO exception for rape or incest) is impacting the most vulnerable women, especially those with late-term complications, not to mention chasing doctors and new residents away from Arizona. I encourage my fellow Arizonans to join me in voting yes on the Arizona Abortion Access initiative and the protection of women's health and rejecting harmful abortion bans in our great state of Arizona. - Kirsten Engel, Candidate for Arizona's 6th Congressional District.

Kirsten Engel, Candidate, Arizona's 6th Congressional District, Tucson

The Arizona Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, which represents over 1,000 pediatricians and pediatric health care providers in Arizona, urges you to vote Yes on Proposition 139, the Arizona Abortion Access initiative. We believe that access to evidence-based, confidential and equitable reproductive healthcare should be available to all Arizonians. Lack of access to this care adversely affects the health and wellbeing of women and their families. Unfortunately, Arizona has a history of enacting harmful laws that limit reproductive health care. The Arizona Abortion Access initiative will ensure that Arizona families have the freedom to make their own reproductive healthcare decisions without government interference and protect Arizonians right to receive needed and timely evidence-based pregnancy care. Vote YES on Proposition 139.

Mary Rimsza, AzAAP Advocacy Committee Chair, Arizona Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, Tucson

Sponsored by Arizona Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics

Please join me in voting YES on Proposition 139.

As a civic engagement director with Mi Familia Vota Arizona, I work alongside my team to fight for my community's dignity, agency, and well-being. Our organization is pivotal in helping individuals apply for citizenship, develop their leadership skills, register to vote, and wholeheartedly engage in the political process.

We are dedicated to engaging and empowering Latinos throughout our state, as our community is often excluded from decision-making processes. Everyone, regardless of ethnicity, race, religion, zip code, or any other factor, should have the opportunity to influence and shape our democracy.

Latinos in Arizona are in favor of access to abortion care. Regardless of our personal feelings, we understand that each person and situation is unique. We should not expect politicians and judges to understand our lives better than we do. People should have the right to make these deeply personal decisions with their families and doctors.

When I look at my 10 year old sister, I see hope, courage, and a bright future where she can achieve any dream. I want to make sure my family enjoys the same rights I did and have limitless opportunities.

This November, I am voting "yes" on the Arizona Abortion Access Act for my younger sister and her future family, as well as for my community.

We must acknowledge that there are many valid reasons why individuals might need access to safe and legal abortion services. It is not the place of politicians to impose their beliefs on such personal and difficult decisions. We must trust in the healthcare professionals and women's voices. I urge you to stand with me in supporting this critical initiative for the betterment of our futures.

Vanessa Perez, Civic Engagement Director, Mi Familia en Accion, Phoenix

The November 2024 general election will see the largest Gen Z electorate in history. We have the power to shape our future by voting and speaking out about what matters to us. Rise believes in harnessing the extraordinary potential of young people, empowering them not only to aspire for change but to become the driving force behind it.

We are proud to support the Arizona for Abortion Access Act, along with these other incredible organizations:

Living United for Change in Arizona (LUCHA)
Rural AZ Advocates (RAZA)
UFCW 99
Human Rights Campaign
Amnesty International USA
National Council of Jewish Women - Arizona
Indivisible
Planned Parenthood Advocates of Arizona
ACLU of AZ
Reproductive Freedom for All
Arizona List
Healthcare Rising
YWCA of Southern Arizona
Vets Forward
Unitarian Universalist Justice Arizona
Arizona Center for Women's Advancement
American Association for University Women Arizona
Feminist Majority
AZ Poder
Opportunity Arizona
Sierra Club - Grand Canyon Chapter
Mi Familia Vota
Progress Arizona
League of Women Voters
Our Voice Our Vote Arizona
Arizona Students Association
Chicanos Por La Causa
Catholics for Choice
Worker Power
Fuerte Arts Movement
Arizona Asian American Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander Advocates (AZ AANHPI Advocates)
One Arizona
Asian Pacific Community in Action
Women's Foundation for the State of Arizona

This just goes to show - support for this effort is broad, deep, and diverse. This coalition continues to grow. We urge you to join us in voting YES on 139.

Kieran Elia, Arizona State Director, Rise, Phoenix

According to Pew, 68% of Catholics did not want to see Roe v. Wade overturned. These Catholics, like me, are pro-choice because we value conscience, social justice, and religious freedom.

There are many reasons women who are pregnant might seek an abortion. These reasons are private and personal and different in every case.

In some instances, it is the loss of a deeply wanted child who would not survive birth. In other situations, carrying a pregnancy to term would mean lifelong health problems, or even death, for the mother. In other cases, the circumstances simply are not right for the pregnant person and their family.

As a pro-choice Catholic, I value the primacy of conscience as the ultimate arbiter of a person's moral decision-making.

My commitment to social justice teaches that all people should be treated with compassion and dignity.

I also value religious freedom. Because different religions have different opinions on when life begins, I believe we should not legislate theological ideas into law. Regardless of your opinion on abortion, we should never impose our views on others.

That's why I support the Arizona Abortion Access Act. Prop 139 would create a constitutional amendment to protect the right to abortion and, with it, the compassion, dignity, and privacy of the women and families of Arizona. Not only do I plan on voting yes on this citizen's initiative, but I have also been training volunteers and gathering signatures from fellow Catholic family and friends to advance this effort.

Women, their families, and their healthcare professionals should make decisions about abortion for themselves. Women should use their conscience, values, beliefs, and faith as their guide, not the dictates of politicians or judges or the views of anyone not walking alongside them.

Please join me in voting YES for Amendment 139.

Cathy Perez, Catholics for Choice Advocate, Catholics for Choice, Phoenix
Sponsored by Catholics for Choice

Any infringement on reproductive rights disproportionately affects marginalized communities. A UCLA study in late 2022 found that the percentage of Latinas of child-bearing age is significantly higher than non-Latina whites – 60% vs 34%, respectively.

Meanwhile, Latinos have one of the highest uninsured rates in the nation for healthcare. The closure of clinics that offer abortions further compounds existing inequities, with such clinics

serving as the sole source or entry point for healthcare for many Latinos. Denying individuals and families reproductive healthcare options is denying them healthcare. It's that simple.

Chicanos Por La Causa was established in 1969 to fight against inequities and injustice. We did so by securing avenues for our community to pursue economic and political empowerment – and we continue to do so today. We provide advocacy and direct services, including healthcare services, in accordance with our vision of empowered lives and lives of dignity.

As we stated before Roe v Wade was overturned, Chicanos Por La Causa is steadfast in its stance and belief of reproductive freedoms for all, as previously had been the law since 1973. Young Latina women should not have fewer rights today than their mothers or grandmothers. And the Latino community should not be adversely affected by any antiquated law, including this one. We have fought too hard for too long to turn back the clock now and recoil in retreat.

Make no mistake: This is both a healthcare issue and a civil rights issue. Individual decisions should be decided by individuals according to their individual situation, not by the government and not by a backward law. We urge voters to secure reproductive rights for all Arizonans by voting YES on Arizona for Abortion Access.

Alicia Nunez, President and CEO, Chicanos Por La Causa, Phoenix

The Alliance for Retired Americans is a grassroots advocacy organization with 4.4 million members across the nation and more than 50,000 here in Arizona. Our retirees are from all occupations. We are former teachers, federal, state, municipal government workers, communications workers, and community leaders united in the belief that every American deserves a secure and dignified retirement after a lifetime of work.

Most of us have been around a long time, and many of us remember what life was like before Roe v. Wade. Women endangering themselves to end their pregnancies, and the shame and secrecy surrounding the whole thing. Girls being forced out of school and into unwanted marriages because abortion was not available. We should not have to live like that again. Abortion is healthcare and the government has no business interfering and making women's lives more difficult and more dangerous.

The Arizona Abortion Access Act would restore the protections that Arizonans had for nearly 50 years under Roe. It would protect the right to abortion in the state constitution so that patients and their families can make their own decisions about pregnancy. We have seen the deadly consequences of abortion bans all across the country since Roe was overturned. The AAA will give women back their rights and dignity and keep politicians out of the doctor's office. Life was better for women under Roe. In the year 2024, Arizona women should have the rights we had in the 1970s - the right to make a private and personal decision with our doctors and loved ones, not to have politicians from either party telling us how to live our lives and dictating what happens in our exam rooms.

Let us ensure Arizona women today have those rights again by voting yes on the Arizona Abortion Access Act.

Dora Vasquez, Executive Director, Arizona Alliance for Retired Americans, Phoenix
Sponsored by Arizona Alliance for Retired Americans

As people of faith, we believe in loving our neighbors and treating one another as we would like to be treated — with compassion, dignity, and respect. Arizona Unitarian Universalists are committed to the fight for reproductive justice, including the right to abortion. We support the Arizona Abortion Access Act because all people should have the freedom to make our own reproductive healthcare decisions without interference from the government.

As Unitarian Universalists, we believe that all bodies are sacred. Every person has the right to determine if, when, and how they want to have children. As people of faith, this commitment is part of our sincerest religious values: Unitarian Universalism emphasizes the inherent worth and dignity of all people and the right of conscience in discerning our choices. In other words, we believe that every individual is endowed with the ability to make the best choices for themselves about their own sacred body. Collectively, our faith calls us to work for a society in which everyone has true autonomy and self-determination, which includes having abundant access to affirming, supportive reproductive care throughout their lives.

With bodily autonomy under attack by the state government, we must ensure our rights by enshrining them in the state constitution. Vote YES on the Arizona Abortion Access Act to ensure the right to abortion as a critical part of the fight for reproductive justice.

Sky Williams-Tao, Director, Unitarian Universalist Justice Arizona, Tempe; Ren Manning, Co-Chair of the Board, Unitarian Universalist Justice Arizona, Tucson; and Elena Perez, Co-Chair of the Board, Unitarian Universalist Justice Arizona, Phoenix

We undersigned members of Chalice Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) submit our ballot argument in support of Prop 139.

According to the Pew Research Center, 60 % of mainline Protestants support the right to choose, more than the population at large. This position held by so many people of faith is because of, not in opposition to, the teachings of Jesus.

As Dr. Willie Parker makes clear in his book “Life’s Work: A Moral Argument for Choice,” supporting abortion access supports healthcare for pregnant people. Because access to this care is threatened by delays and expenses that cannot be easily handled by the least of these, Christ compels us to interrupt that system of injustice. Matthew 25: 31-46.

Jesus cared for women who the patriarchy of his day tried to silence. Matthew 15:21-28 (Syrophenician woman); John 4 (woman at the well); Luke 7:36-50 (woman washing His feet). Jesus rejected worldly hierarchies, including patriarchy and systems to suppress and shame women. Luke 10:38-42 (teaching Mary); John 8: 7-11 (the adulteress woman); Matthew 5:32 (prohibiting men from divorcing their wives). Jesus compels our support of women against patriarchy set on controlling them. As mother Mary sang, “He has brought down rulers from their thrones, but has lifted up the humble.” Luke 1:52.

Finally, unlike some contemporary texts, nothing in the Hebrew or Christian Bible condemns terminating a pregnancy. According to the Bible, life begins at breath. Gen. 2:7 (not when he was formed, but when God breathed into him did Adam become a living being). Even when a

woman's pregnancy is terminated without her consent, according to Hebrew law, it is not murder. Ex. 21:22 (causing a miscarriage is not punishable by death); Num. 5:11-31 (potentially inducing a miscarriage to test marital fidelity).

Our faith inspires our support of Prop 139.

Cecilia Johnson, Moderator, Chalice Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Apache Junction; David Cabbage, Vice Moderator, Chalice Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Mesa; Jim Barton II, Treasurer / Elder, Chalice Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Mesa; Kelly Pearson, Financial Secretary / Music Director, Chalice Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Gilbert; Tami Smull, Bookkeeper / Elder, Chalice Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Gilbert; Carla Turner, Recording Secretary, Chalice Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Chandler; James Deskins, Pastor, Chalice Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Tucson; Pat Barton, Elder, Chalice Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Mesa; Rebekah Jongewaard, Elder, Chalice Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Gilbert; Doris Frame, Elder, Chalice Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Florence; Michelle Cabbage, Member, Chalice Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Mesa; Kensie Smull, Member, Chalice Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Gilbert; Robert Howard, Member, Chalice Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Gilbert; Ellen Annala, Member, Chalice Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Mesa; Paul Hopkins, Member, Chalice Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Mesa; Jerry Johnson, Member, Chalice Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Apache Junction; and James Barton III, Member, Chalice Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Mesa

The Grand Canyon Institute (GCI) is a non-partisan think tank providing fact-based research and education to decision-makers and the public on policies affecting Arizona's economic, fiscal, and social future.

GCI was deeply concerned about the Arizona Supreme Court's decision to uphold a territorial-era law from 1864 banning all abortions. While the Arizona Legislature recently enacted a still-repressive 15-week limit, this ballot measure aims to expand protections for the rights of women and prevent further restrictions from becoming law. The ballot measure proposes a progressive alternative that not only safeguards human rights but also enhances healthcare access and supports economic stability far more effectively than the restrictive 15-week law currently in place

The immediate harm will be experienced by women denied access to necessary healthcare. A January 2024 analysis by the Institute for Women's Policy Research (IWPR) highlights the broader impacts of abortion restrictions, noting their detrimental effects on economic prosperity and women's health. Women, being a significant segment of the workforce, are adversely affected by restrictions on healthcare access, which in turn impacts local economies.

Protecting women's reproductive rights could add nearly 16,480 women to the state's labor force each year, increase the state's GDP by \$4.5 billion, and boost annual earnings of employed women aged 15-44 by \$2.6 billion. As an organization committed to evidence-based policymaking, GCI emphasizes the importance of safeguarding reproductive rights to ensure equitable access to healthcare, enhance economic prosperity, and safeguard the well-being of

Arizona's citizens. Upholding a woman's right to make decisions about her own body and health is fundamental to achieving these goals and promoting autonomy and dignity for all individuals.

Rick DeGraw, Board Chair, Grand Canyon Institute, Phoenix

The League of Women Voters of Arizona strongly supports the Arizona for Abortion Access citizen initiative, which protects every individual's fundamental right to an abortion. If the voters pass this proposition, women will have the right and freedom to make their own healthcare decisions, including reproductive choices. If this proposition is not passed, the government will continue interfering with these rights by passing laws overriding a person's inherent right to make personal decisions.

Government should have no say in personal decisions in an individual's decisions about pregnancy and abortion. Laws that restrict, dictate, or challenge the freedom to make choices that are best for that person's individual situation is overreaching and putting women's lives at risk. If passed, this proposition will protect current and future generations of women from political decisions that are not in their best interests or those of their families by allowing everyone to follow their personal beliefs.

The League of Women Voters believes in women's rights to self-determination, including bodily autonomy, privacy, and reproductive health.

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF ARIZONA URGES YOU TO VOTE YES.

Pinny Sheoran, President, League of Women Voters of Arizona, Scottsdale
Sponsored by League of Women Voters of Arizona

As a first generation immigrant from India who moved to the United States in the mid-90s, I am disappointed that the rights of a woman to choose are now less in Arizona than the city of Pune where I was born. Although I am thankful for Attorney General Kris Mayes in defending a woman's right to choose, Prop 139 is the permanent constitutional answer to ensure that no woman has to live in fear while making one of the toughest choices in her life.

Roe v. Wade was good precedent, but the reality is that abortion is now a state decision so let's make the right decision and stop acting like this is about morality. Party leadership on both sides has lost focus of bettering the life of everyday Americans partly due to the hybridization of corporations and elected officials through regulatory capture. By codifying our basic rights into law, birthright and naturalized citizens have a chance to ensure that our interests are not being diluted while arguing about strangers who may not want to have a child that we are not going to raise.

The goal of state officials should be vibrant local economies, strong infrastructure, safe communities, and individual rights. Party leaders have to introspect on their luxury beliefs and make sure that theory is not trumping reality in any public sphere.

Vote YES on Prop 139 if you are an Arizona pragmatist and want to focus on what really matters.

Mohit Asnani, Tucson

Growing up in Arizona, I didn't expect to have fewer freedoms than my mother or live in a place that threatens to take us back to the 1800s. However, with the swipe of a pen the Supreme Court overturned Roe v Wade and took from us the hard fought, fundamental right to make decisions about our own bodies, health, and futures.

This is why the Arizona Abortion Access Act must pass in November.

Voting yes to Prop 139 will enable every Arizonan to make the best decision about our own lives. I knew at 16 when I spoke out to defend Planned Parenthood how important it was to have access to a full range of reproductive healthcare options and comprehensive sex education. Now as a 24-year-old, I want to decide for myself if and when to start a family, whether to use birth control, and to know I have access to abortion care if that becomes necessary for me right here in the state where I was born and raised.

I am the expert in my own experience. This is between providers and patients, not politicians.

I have traveled the country advocating for reproductive freedom. Now, I'm thinking about where I want to build my life. And let's be clear, I love Arizona. I want to bring my potential and passions home, but not having a guarantee that my right to abortion care will be protected is a major deciding factor. I know I'm not alone, this is top of mind for young people whose talent our state cannot afford to miss out on.

Arizona Abortion Access Act will establish the right to an abortion in the Constitution where extremist politicians and judges can't touch it.

Join me in voting YES on the Arizona Abortion Access Act.

Deja Foxx, Tucson

Sponsored by Arizona For Abortion Access

I am a proud Marine veteran, who served for 20 years, with several combat deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan. I joined the military to protect the freedoms that define America, ensuring they are preserved for everyone for all time.

I never thought my personal freedom - my bodily autonomy - would be attacked by the government I took an oath to serve and protect. But that is precisely what happened in 2022 when the United States Supreme Court overturned Roe vs. Wade, opening the door for states, like my home of Arizona, to impose extreme abortion bans. The time to act is now, before more rights are taken away.

As Americans, we may not always see eye to eye, but there are certain values that unite us, especially as Arizonans. One of these is the right to make our own decisions about family planning, free from government interference. This fundamental freedom is what I fought for, and it's disheartening to see it threatened by politicians.

Veterans and active duty service members face unique challenges that most cannot comprehend. This is particularly true of those who are pregnant and especially those dealing with complications. Our government should not make things even more challenging by imposing restrictions that can risk our health, fertility, and lives. This is why veterans like me support the Arizona for Abortion Access ballot measure (I-05-2024), and we urge you to join us in our support. Your voice matters, and together, we can make a difference.

JoAnna Mendoza, US Marine Retired, VetsForward Operation Desert Rose, Red Rock

Here in Arizona, more than half a million citizens stood up to demand the right for patients and doctors to make our own healthcare decisions by putting Proposition 139 on the ballot.

And together, as seniors, as parents and grandparents, as Arizonans, we are among the majority of voters voting YES on Prop. 139, and we ask you to join us.

Sadly, you don't need to be a senior to remember a world before abortion care was safe and legal. The current political climate has taken many states back to the realities we saw fifty years ago, and the real impacts of abortion bans are devastating.

It's simple: When politicians prevent women from accessing abortion care, it's life-threatening. And it doesn't need to be. When our health is on the line, doctors and nurses should be able to focus on patient care – not worrying about the political whims of politicians. That's why we need Prop. 139.

Prop. 139 will protect Arizonans from the whims of extreme politicians and leave our healthcare decisions to Arizona patients and doctors. Where they belong.

Please join us in voting YES on Prop. 139.

Patricia Cervantes, Safford; Daniel Abney, Pima; Elaine Downing, Lake Havasu City; Katherine Villa, Tombstone; Terri Streich, Glendale; William Ford, Buckeye; and Blair Moses, Mesa

Sponsored by Arizona for Abortion Access

Arizonans have a chance this year to make our voices heard on the widely popular Arizona Abortion Access Act.

I've done people-first work and service in this state for many years – as a public school teacher, a community organizer, former Democratic House Minority Leader, and co-founder of Arizona's largest Black-led voter engagement organization. And of course, most importantly, as a parent of three beautiful girls.

In all these roles, I have always centered the well-being and agency of our communities in my work. The Arizona for Abortion Access Act does the same.

This citizen's initiative is policy made, presented, and soon-to-be passed by the people of Arizona. We demonstrated our power by collecting enough signatures to place this measure on the ballot. That's democracy at work.

Now, we must vote to restore the protections for bodily autonomy we had under Roe v. Wade.

For too long, politicians have played games with our health by passing extreme abortion bans. The truth is, these decisions belong in the hands of patients, their families, and healthcare providers.

No politician or judge knows our lives better than us. Some people need abortions because they are not ready to be a parent. Some people need abortions because they experience serious risks in their pregnancies. Regardless of the circumstance, the choice should be between a patient, their family, and their doctor—not the government.

I am voting YES for my community, to honor and trust women and doctors, and for my three little girls to have a safe and healthy future.

By voting yes, we can use the power of our voice and our vote to tell politicians and judges to stay out of our private, personal decisions.

Please join me in voting YES on Prop 139.

Dr. Reginald Bolding, Phoenix

As rural Arizonans, we recognize the unique challenges and realities faced by our communities when it comes to accessing healthcare, including reproductive services.

Prop 139 is essential for ensuring that individuals in rural areas have the same rights and opportunities as those in urban centers when it comes to making decisions about their reproductive health.

In rural areas, access to healthcare providers, including those who offer abortion services, can be limited. Without this amendment, individuals living in remote areas may face significant barriers to accessing safe and legal abortion care, forcing them to travel long distances or forego care altogether. By voting yes on Prop 139, we can help bridge the gap in healthcare access and ensure that rural Arizonans have the same rights and resources as their urban counterparts.

Furthermore, Prop 139 is critical for protecting the privacy and dignity of individuals in rural communities. In small towns and tight-knit neighborhoods, seeking abortion care can be a deeply personal and sensitive matter. This amendment ensures that individuals can make these decisions in consultation with their families and medical providers, free from judgment or stigma.

By voting yes on Prop 139, we affirm our commitment to rural healthcare equity and justice. We refuse to let our communities be left behind or marginalized when it comes to accessing essential

healthcare services. Together, let us ensure that every Arizonan, no matter where they live, has the freedom and support to make their own healthcare decisions with dignity and respect.

Christine Ratcliffe, Dewey; Lisa Ann Goerlich, Bisbee; Maria Angelica Cornejo-Terry, Douglas; Julie Neff-Encinas, Show Low; Brendan Trachsel, Flagstaff; Francis Glad, Nogales; and Christine Rhodes, Bisbee
Sponsored by Arizona for Abortion Access

The Arizona Education Association (AEA) is the largest public-sector union in Arizona. We fight for our students, for public education, and for the dignity of our workers. We believe that every person is entitled to be treated fairly and with respect. This is why we support the Arizona Abortion Access Act, a citizen's initiative that will protect the right to abortion in our state constitution.

As President of the AEA, I fight daily alongside our 22,000 members to protect public education in Arizona and ensure workers in our schools have a voice on the job. As Arizona educators, we know first hand how extremist politicians and judges can undermine our rights.

Investing in our future means investing in our people. If we want our kids to flourish, we need strong families, strong communities, and strong schools. Women and pregnant people, not politicians, should be able to make decisions about their own bodies and their own families.

We fight every day for the dignity and respect that women deserve, on the job and off, and part of that fight is ensuring access to reproductive health care, including abortion. We urge everyone with a commitment to equity, justice, and empowerment to vote YES on the Arizona Abortion Access Act to restore our rights.

Please join me in voting YES on Proposition 139.

Marisol Garcia, President, Arizona Education Association, Phoenix

To Whom It May Concern,

As small business owners and members of the Arizona community, we are proud to express our unwavering support for Prop 139. Throughout the duration of the campaign, our establishments served as vital hubs for volunteers, providing a welcoming space for signature collection, coordination, and community engagement.

We believe that reproductive rights are fundamental human rights, and every individual deserves the freedom to make their own healthcare decisions without interference from politicians. That's why we opened our doors and hearts to the campaign, knowing that our support would help ensure that every Arizonan has access to safe and legal abortion care.

Our involvement in this historic initiative reflects our commitment to the well-being and autonomy of our customers, employees, and community members. By actively participating in the signature collection process and encouraging our staff and patrons to join the cause, we

reaffirmed our dedication to fostering a community where everyone's voices are heard and respected.

The overwhelming response from our customers and the broader community further underscores the widespread support for reproductive freedom in Arizona. From urban centers to rural communities, small businesses like ours stand united in advocating for the rights and dignity of all individuals, regardless of their gender, race, or socioeconomic status.

As the campaign moves forward, we urge our fellow Arizonans to join us in voting yes on Prop 139t. By doing so, we can uphold the principles of compassion, privacy, and autonomy in healthcare decision-making and ensure that our state remains a beacon of reproductive rights and justice for generations to come.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Liz Tavaréz, Dark Hall Coffee, Phoenix; Summer Olson, Stash House AZ, Phoenix; Josefina Haler, Dulce Vida Coffee Shop, Chandler; Kelsey Duque, Bottleshop 48, Tempe; Tricia Arce, Toasted Mallow, Gilbert; Michela Ricci, Monsoon Market, Phoenix; Emily Sadler, No Filter Coffee Shop, Phoenix; and CJ Alberts, Sunny's Book Truck, Yuma
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As a volunteer who actively participated in collecting signatures to qualify Prop 139 for the ballot, I witnessed firsthand the overwhelming support this initiative garnered from people across the political and geographic spectrum. Our record-breaking achievement in gathering signatures reflects the widespread recognition that every Arizonan deserves the freedom to make their own healthcare decisions without interference from politicians.

Throughout this grassroots effort, I encountered individuals from diverse backgrounds who passionately believe in upholding the rights of patients to access abortion care with dignity, compassion, and privacy. We united under the shared belief that personal healthcare decisions, including the decision to have an abortion, should remain between patients, their families, and their medical providers—not dictated by political agendas.

I have volunteered for many causes throughout my life, but this time has been different. People sought me out to sign the petition rather than avoid me, local businesses opened their doors to have us collect signatures from their customers, and we trained thousands of first-time volunteers. Arizonans showed up in force to get Prop 139 on the ballot, I have no doubt that those same supporters will be voting Yes in November.

Christine Pomerénke, Volunteer, Gilbert; Jennifer Miller, Volunteer, Phoenix; Rhiannon Spetrini, Volunteer, Phoenix; Marla Rapaport, Volunteer, Phoenix; Jose Juan Corralejo, Volunteer, Phoenix; Sophia Will, Volunteer, Scottsdale; Mary Ellen Martinez, Volunteer, Tucson; and Melissa Hanh, Volunteer, Phoenix
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Las Adelitas Arizona is an organization focused on empowering and engaging Latinas in the political process.

Please join us in voting YES on the Arizona Abortion Access Act.

As Latinas and advocates, we are dedicated to building power con nuestra comunidad and ensure we have access to the healthcare and information we deserve.

We are entitled to the right to live safe, healthy, dignified lives. Access to abortion and reproductive healthcare are necessary components of doing so.

Lack of access to abortion and reproductive healthcare has negative impacts on our ability to work, care for our families, and make decisions about our bodies and lives.

Abortion bans only amplify the disparities that already exist for Latinas in this country. We already have a healthcare system that underserves us and our families. This leads to health disparities that affect us disproportionately, including infant and maternal mortality.

Latina women face the largest gender racial wage gap, being paid just 59.2 cents on the dollar to White men. Lack of access to care only leads to that gap growing.

The Arizona Abortion Access Act is a promise to us that we are empowered to make our own decisions about our own bodies and healthcare decisions. It is a promise to doctors that we trust them to make the best recommendations to their patients.

The Arizona Abortion Access Act is a promise to us that our health and safety will not be decided by judges or extreme politicians.

Our future is in our hands. Join us in VOTING YES to make sure that we and future generations are guaranteed the right to access abortion and reproductive healthcare.

Elvira Din, Co-Chair, Las Adelitas, Tucson and Genesis Cubillas, Treasurer, Las Adelitas, Tucson

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At Wingbeat 88, we take on an uncharted endeavor to organize our Diné relatives through our ancestral clan groups. We do this to address, support and develop balanced and sound leadership and advocacy for all our Diné relations.

I am grateful to lead Wingbeat 88 alongside my community. Uplifting Diné voices and leaders is critical to creating an inclusive and equitable future for our people and for Arizona. We are organizing to cultivate the next generation of leaders and support safe and healthy communities.

For similar reasons, I earnestly support the Arizona for Abortion Access Act.

Abortion bans have always disproportionately impacted Indigenous people and communities of color. We already encounter significant barriers to access to care via our existing healthcare systems – these challenges carry into access to reproductive care.

In addition, abortion has never been readily available for our people - federal law has banned nearly all abortions at Indian Health Service clinics since the 1970s. That has forced many to travel long distances for the procedure, and to secure lifesaving care when pregnancy complications arise.

Our communities have been through so much. Denial of our land, family separation, maternal health crisis, and a crisis of Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women.

We deserve better than this. We deserve care. We deserve opportunities to make the decisions that are right for ourselves and our families in consultation with a healthcare provider. No judge or politician should have a right to take that away.

Our rights are just - let's work together to protect them. Please join me in voting YES on Proposition 139.

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LivA'ndrea Knoki
Executive Director, Wingbeat 88

Liv Knoki, Executive Director, Wingbeat 88, Flagstaff
Sponsored by Arizona for Abortion Access

As a woman, a Latina, a mom, and Mayor of Tucson, I enthusiastically support the Arizona Abortion Access Act that ensures every Arizonan can access abortion without unnecessary government interference.

The fact that different people in different places have different rights is not acceptable. We all deserve the right to determine when, how and if we become parents. Without autonomy over our own bodies and futures, we don't have anything.

No pregnant person or doctor should risk jail time for seeking or providing medical care. We cannot leave it up to state legislators to determine if we have the right to access abortion. We need permanent protection in our state constitution.

The inability to access abortion disproportionately affects women of color and low-income Arizonans, who already face barriers to healthcare. Traveling to access abortion is not just an inconvenience - it's an insurmountable burden for many. Taking days off of work, finding childcare, arranging travel and lodging, are just a few challenges.

Already in Arizona, students who are graduating from our top-notch universities are moving to other states where they can access abortion and reproductive healthcare. Already in Arizona, we

are seeing businesses take the lack of access to abortion into consideration when deciding where to expand or locate. The consequences of lack of access to abortion are broader than many believe.

For too long, our reproductive rights have been under assault by an extreme GOP-led legislature that has prioritized ideology over the health and autonomy of Arizonans.

We must enshrine our right to access abortion in our State Constitution. The way to do that is to VOTE YES on the Arizona Abortion Access Act.

Your YES vote ensures that all Arizonans will have the right to access abortion now and into the future.

Regina Romero, Mayor, City of Tucson, Tucson

Planned Parenthood Advocates of Arizona is Arizona's largest nonpartisan advocacy organization dedicated to protecting access to sexual and reproductive health care. PPAA fights for every person's freedom and absolute right to make choices about their reproductive healthcare, including access to abortion, sexual health and wellbeing, and the ability to build strong, healthy families when and how they want to by educating voters, elected officials and candidates for public office.

We do this work because women and people who can become pregnant matter. Our bodily autonomy matters.

This is why we as a Board support the Arizona for Abortion Access Act. This citizen-led initiative will establish the constitutional right to protect the ability of all Arizonans to access abortion. We all deserve the freedom to make these decisions without interference from politicians.

We, along with other organizations and individuals across our state, have participated in collecting thousands of signatures. We know that people across our state are demanding the right to access abortion care because we know the consequences of restricting our access to care.

Restrictions on abortion and reproductive healthcare hurt our health and endanger our safety.

This exacerbates existing obstacles to accessing healthcare that disproportionately impact women, people of color, LGBTQ+ individuals, and those with lower incomes.

We all deserve the right to make decisions for ourselves about if and when we build a family. We all deserve the right to access abortion and the healthcare we need and deserve free from interference.

Join us in VOTING YES on the Arizona for Abortion Access Act. Let's protect our right to access abortion care in Arizona now and into the future.

**Charlene Mendoza, Co-Chair, Planned Parenthood Advocates of Arizona, Tucson and
Cadey Harrel, Co-Chair, Planned Parenthood Advocates of Arizona, Tucson**