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To the New Jersey Legislative Leadership:

Everyone should be able to receive high-quality, affordable health care. Everyone should be able to make their own personal decisions about their medical care. And everyone should be able to plan their families, without interference from politicians, and without facing insurmountable barriers or fears of shame or stigma. When people can make decisions that are best for their lives, families thrive and we build communities where each of us can participate with dignity and equality.

For these reasons and more, we, the undersigned, fully endorse the Reproductive Freedom Act (S3030/A4848), and we call on legislative leadership to move and pass this important legislation now.

Access to reproductive health care services are under attack nationwide. In the last decade, anti-abortion politicians in states across the country have passed nearly 500 unnecessary and politically-motivated restrictions on abortion care. The Trump-Pence administration has attacked reproductive health care throughout the last four years. And with the addition of Justice Amy Coney Barrett, the future of reproductive rights in the hands of the Supreme Court is deeply uncertain.

In addition, the current pandemic underscores just how important it is that everyone can get the essential health care services that they need. We have seen the brunt of the COVID-19 pandemic fall hardest on those already failed by our health care system due to barriers caused by systemic racism - communities of color and immigrant community members have been disproportionately impacted by barriers that include loss of income, loss of health insurance, and the limited ability to travel, all pushing time-sensitive care like birth control and abortion further out of reach.

Now is the time for New Jersey to act.

Passing the Reproductive Freedom Act in New Jersey will make certain that everyone - no matter who you are, where you live, your immigration status, your insurance coverage, or your income - can make the best health care decisions for themselves, with dignity and respect. We must protect access to time-sensitive care and prioritize the health and well-being of New Jerseyans seeking birth control and pregnancy-related care, including abortion, and send a clear message that New Jersey will continue to be a leader in protecting reproductive health care access.

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Toda persona debería poder recibir atención médica asequible y de alta calidad. Toda persona debería poder tomar sus propias decisiones sobre su atención médica. Y todos deberían poder planear sus familias, sin interferencia política, y sin enfrentar barreras insuperables o temor a vergüenza o estigma. Cuando las personas pueden tomar decisiones que son las mejores para sus vidas, las familias prosperan y podemos construir comunidades donde cada uno de nosotros puede participar con dignidad e igualdad.

Por estas razones y más, nosotros, los firmantes, respaldamos plenamente la Ley de Libertad Reproductiva (S3030/A4848), y hacemos un llamado al liderazgo legislativo para que avance y apruebe esta importante legislación ahora.

El acceso a los servicios de salud reproductiva está siendo atacado en todo el país. En la última década, políticos en contra del aborto en estados alrededor del país han aprobado casi 500 restricciones innecesarias y políticamente motivadas sobre la atención relacionada al aborto. La administración Trump-Pence ha atacado la atención de la salud reproductiva durante los últimos cuatro años. Y con la incorporación de la jueza Amy Coney Barrett, el futuro de los derechos reproductivos en manos de la Corte Suprema de los Estados Unidos es profundamente incierto.

Además, la pandemia actual enfatiza lo importante que es que todos puedan obtener los servicios de atención médica esenciales que necesitan. Hemos visto que los peores efectos de la pandemia de COVID-19 recaen con mayor fuerza en aquellos ya fallados por nuestro sistema de salud debido a las barreras causadas por el racismo sistémico – las comunidades de color y miembros de la comunidad inmigrante se han visto desproporcionadamente impactados por barreras que incluyen pérdida de ingresos, pérdida de seguro del salud y la capacidad limitada de movilizarse, todo ello empujando la atención urgente como el acceso a métodos contraceptivos y atención médica relacionada al aborto, más lejos de su alcance.

Ahora es el momento de que Nueva Jersey actúe.

La aprobación de la Ley de Libertad Reproductiva en Nueva Jersey garantizará que todos, sin importar quién sea, dónde viva, su estado migratorio, su cobertura de salud o sus ingresos, puedan tomar las decisiones de atención médica que son mejores para ellos, con dignidad y respeto. Debemos proteger el acceso a la atención urgente y priorizar la salud y el bienestar de las personas de Nueva Jersey que buscan atención anticonceptiva y atención relacionada con el embarazo, incluido el aborto, y enviar un mensaje claro de que Nueva Jersey seguirá siendo líder en la protección del acceso a la atención de la salud reproductiva.

Firmado,

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