

October 26, 2021

Dear members of the Illinois General Assembly:

The organizations listed below support the repeal of Illinois' Parental Notice of Abortion Act, and urge the General Assembly to take up legislation to get rid of this dangerous law during the current veto session.

Decades of research and experience demonstrate that such forced parental involvement laws hurt young people and serve no valid purpose. Most young people will involve a parent or other adult family member in their decision about having an abortion voluntarily regardless of what the law says. The minority of young people who do not talk to their parents in this situation have grave concerns such as: fear of physical or emotional abuse, loss of financial support, or homelessness; fear of being forced to give birth against their will; or serious family problems such as a parent who is sick or imprisoned.

This law has been in effect and putting young people in our state in harm's way for over eight years, and the time for the General Assembly to protect youth and repeal this law is now. The urgency of eliminating this dangerous barrier to abortion access is all the more apparent with a case to overturn *Roe v. Wade* pending in the U.S. Supreme Court, and a new radical law in Texas that authorizes individual bounty hunters to enforce a ban on abortion. Illinois needs public policies that expand and protect access to abortion care for all. That must include getting rid of the harmful Parental Notice of Abortion Act.

Sincerely,

American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists  
ACLU of Illinois  
AIDS Foundation of Chicago  
American Association of University Women  
Apna Ghar, Inc. (Our Home)  
Catholics for Choice  
Chicago Abortion Fund  
Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation  
Chicago Democratic Socialists of America  
Chicago Foundation for Women  
Chicago NOW  
Chicago Votes  
Citizen Action Illinois  
Coalition for a Better Illinois 6th  
Democratic Women of McDonough County  
Equality Illinois  
EverThrive Illinois  
Family Planning Associates  
Friends Who March  
Health and Medicine Policy Research Group

Hope Clinic for Women  
Human Rights Watch Chicago  
Illinois Caucus for Adolescent Health  
Illinois Choice Action Team  
Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence  
Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault  
Illinois Democratic Women  
Illinois Handmaids  
Illinois NOW  
Indivisible Chicago  
Indivisible Illinois  
Lake County Democratic Women  
League of Women Voters Illinois  
Life Span  
Mainstream Republican Committee  
McHenry County Citizens for Choice  
McHenry NOW  
Midwest Access Coalition  
Midwest Access Project  
Men4Choice  
Mujeres Latinas en Accion  
NARAL Pro-Choice America  
National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum  
National Association of Social Workers Illinois Chapter  
National Council of Jewish Women Illinois  
North & NW Suburban NOW  
Personal PAC  
Planned Parenthood Illinois Action  
Planned Parenthood of the St. Louis Region and Southwest Missouri  
Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice  
Reproductive Health Access Project – Illinois Cluster  
Reproductive Transparency Now  
Resilience  
Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law  
She Votes Illinois  
Sierra Club Illinois  
The Network: Advocating Against Domestic Violence  
Vote Mama  
Whole Woman's Health  
Whole Woman's Health Alliance  
Winnebago County Citizens for Choice  
Women's March Chicago  
Women's March Illinois  
Zioness Chicago Chapter