

Pass the Reproductive Health Act

We support the Reproductive Health Act because we support a New York that ensures every woman has the right to make the decision that is best for herself, her family and her future.

The Reproductive Health Act guarantees a woman's right to control her reproductive health; ensures that a woman will be able to have an abortion if her health is endangered; treats the regulation of abortion as an issue of public health and medical practice, rather than as a potential crime; and guarantees everyone the right to use or refuse contraception.

New York's law is outdated and inadequate. After almost 40 years, times have changed, but our state law still regulates abortion in the criminal code and lacks protections if a woman's health is endangered. New York is not secure in relying on the federal protections provided by *Roe v. Wade*. State legislatures across the country have enacted over 450 bills that would ban or restrict abortion, some of which are a direct challenge to *Roe*. All it takes is one of these challenges to reach the Supreme Court, and *Roe* could be overturned.

We stand with the majority of New Yorkers, who overwhelmingly support a woman's right to decide when and whether to have a child. Seven states have already passed laws like the Reproductive Health Act. New York needs to reclaim our rightful place as a pro-choice leader by passing this bill.

We call on the New York State Legislature to pass the Reproductive Health Act.

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