



Fighting for Abortion Justice!

2021 is the worst year for reproductive rights since the *Roe v. Wade* decision almost 50 years ago.

Already this year we've seen states introduce more than 600 bans on abortion, and nearly 100 have already been adopted. On Sept. 1, the most extreme and radical abortion ban in America went into effect in Texas. Now, other states are determined to pass increasingly restrictive laws to eliminate abortion access and dismantle the protections of *Roe*.

We are fighting back. Our movement is strong and powerful thanks to you. On Oct. 2, Planned Parenthood Votes! Connecticut joined the nationwide Rally for Abortion Justice to oppose abortion bans anywhere and show up for patients everywhere who are exercising their fundamental, constitutional right to abortion.

to End Sexual Violence, ACLU CT, CWEALF, and a coalition of community partners to highlight the impact of cruel, harmful abortion bans on patients. Patient stories were the centerpiece of the event; abortion storytellers spoke out and shared their personal, powerful experiences and emotions – and demonstrated why abortion is critical, essential, and life-changing health care.

Right now, we are also facing a dire threat from the U.S. Supreme Court. On Dec. 1, the court will hear arguments in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, a review of Mississippi's 15-week abortion ban that could render *Roe* meaningless.

This is a red alert moment for reproductive freedom, and we need you with us.



Photos: Abortion Justice events in Stamford (Left) and Hartford (Center and Right) on October 2, 2021.

At a rally in Stamford, PPV!CT Board Chair Danielle Eason spoke on the steps of the Judicial District Courthouse alongside U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal and advocacy organizations like Allies for Justice & Equity CT, Pink Wave Action, and Indivisible chapters in Greenwich and Stamford.

Women's March Connecticut hosted a storytelling action in Hartford in partnership with Planned Parenthood, NARAL Pro-Choice Connecticut, CT Black Women, YWCA-Hartford Region, United State of Women Greater Hartford, CT Alliance

Your continued support and generosity will help Planned Parenthood Votes! Connecticut fight back against abortion bans and expand access to abortion. Even though the right to abortion is protected in Connecticut, we must keep fighting to ensure everyone can access the care they need.

SPEAK OUT!

Visit ppvotes.org or follow us @ppvotesct to share your story and take action!

Back to School, Back in Action!

This fall means back to work for our Generation Action interns! **Planned Parenthood's Generation Action internship is a network of young organizers who take action on their campuses and in communities to mobilize advocates for reproductive freedom.**

Your support helps make the Generation Action internship program possible – and empowers the next generation of youth leaders to make change. This year, Generation Action groups across Connecticut are organizing around the national abortion access crisis, raising the alarm for reproductive rights, and working to ensure equitable access to abortion.

GENERATION ACTION PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

Ruchi, a Yale University student, is working to address disparities in our health care system by creating a platform for LGBTQ+-identified patients to share their stories and experiences and highlight the impact of homophobia, transphobia, and other systemic barriers on their ability to access care.



Ruchi's vision is to raise awareness and advocate for change to make local health systems more inclusive and affirming to LGBTQ+ patients.

Photo: Ruchi (left) and Yale students join PPSNE Volunteer Night.

Achieving Equitable Access to Health Care

Connecticut's legislative session starts on February 9, 2022 – and we'll be back at the Capitol fighting to make health care more accessible.

Last year we saw some important wins, like passing a budget with increased investment in sexual and reproductive health care and bills that protect patient privacy, expand access to telehealth, and policy to declare racism a public health crisis. You helped make these wins possible, but there's more work to do and we need your help!

All Connecticut residents deserve equitable access to sexual and reproductive health care.

We must:

- Open the state's HUSKY Medicaid program to all income-eligible residents regardless of immigration status
- Demand protection from the rising costs of health care and health insurance
- Work to dismantle barriers to care like racism, discrimination, and economic inequity

We can do it with your support.



Photo: Advocates rally at the Capitol in support of Husky 4 Immigrants.

Connecticut 100 Voices Members

100 Voices for Planned Parenthood is a group of bold philanthropic leaders who share a fierce and unapologetic passion for protecting sexual and reproductive rights who have made a gift of \$1,000 or more to PPV!CT within the last year.

Penny Bellamy and Mark Simon
Bob Donnalley
Emily A. Fine, MD and Stephen A. Stein, MD
Elissa Garber-Hyman and James E Hyman
Steve and Katey Goldberg
Sue Hessel and Karen Dahle
Ellen B. Lubell and Leslie Byelas
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