



Planned Parenthood Advocates of Montana

Act. No matter what.

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What's going on with mife?

Dear Supporter,

What a week...PPFA President Alexis McGill has this to say:

“After a week of chaos and confusion, the Supreme Court appropriately decided to allow mifepristone’s status to remain as it has been — approved and accessible — as the case continues, after two disastrous decisions were issued by lower courts. [But this fight does not end here](#): the Supreme Court must reject this effort to insert personal and political grievances into the FDA approval process and further restrict abortion.

Patients deserve access to the medication they need and providers should be able to provide that medication without unnecessary interference from the judiciary, or politicians for that matter. Mifepristone’s approval is very much still in jeopardy, and in the midst of the abortion access crisis, this medication must be protected.”

How YOU Can Take Action

- [Sign on to the People's Brief to demand an immediate reversal of this dangerous ruling](#). (If your contact information is saved, your name will be added automatically with just one click.)
- If you have not received an email or action alert text from Planned Parenthood Action Fund, [sign up to become an Associate Member](#), and be the first to hear updates! Often times PPFA will communicate updates on national issues much quicker than we will, so we highly recommend you opt-in to communications from them!
- [Share your story!](#) If you care about abortion, you have a story to share. If you've had an abortion, been a patient escort, driven a loved one to an appointment, lent money to someone for an abortion, provided child care during a friend's appointment, or supported a loved one through their abortion in other ways, **that's a story**. You can also share why you advocate for abortion access in general. As we all know, *this is about more than abortion*.
- **Tune in to the [Protect Medication Abortion Access Action Call](#) happening tomorrow, April 15, from 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM Eastern Time.** Join Planned Parenthood Federation of America’s National Volunteer

Program to learn about why courts matter, the impact of this ruling, and how to mobilize our communities to protect abortion access. Closed captioning will be available.

What's happening at the Montana State Legislature?

HB 303: Religious/Ethic/Moral Refusal for Medical Care - Sponsored by Rep. Amy Regier

This would allow any medical provider, medical institution and/or insurer to deny care to any person for any reason based on religious, ethical or moral reasons. It's a very broadly written bill that could allow any person who works at a facility, from a janitor, front desk scheduler, surgery tech, or physician, to deny care. Abortion is the only procedure specifically carved out in this bill.

This bill was passed in both chambers. **Please call the Governor's Office at 406.444.3111 and urge Gov. Gianforte to veto HB 303.**

HB 862: Prohibit Use of Public Funds and Exceptions - Sponsored by Rep. Hopkins

This would be a functional ban on accessing abortion care for people who receive Medicaid. Bills like this are reckless - they do not stop abortions, they simply put people's lives and health in danger.

This bill passed out of the Senate Public Health Committee on Wednesday and is now heading to the Senate floor. **Please contact your Senator and ask them to vote NO on HB 862.**

HB 575: Prohibit Abortion of Unborn Viable Children – Sponsored by Rep. Sheldon-Galloway

This bill seeks to require a physician or physician assistant to put in writing the determination of viability and provide that to the patient. HB 575 was recently amended to add a mandatory ultrasound, and passed out of the Senate earlier this week. Since it was amended, it is now being sent back to the House.

Please contact your Representative and ask them to vote NO on HB 575.

If you don't know who your Representative or Senator is, **you can look them up using this map.** If you'd rather leave a message for your legislator, you can call the Capitol Switchboard at 406.444.4800 Monday-Friday 8 AM - 5 PM.

Reproductive Rally Recap

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us in Helena last Friday for the Rally for Sexual and Reproductive Health Care! If you were unable to join, **please sign our Collective's petition!** If you want to stay up-to-date with what members of the

Montana Sexual and Reproductive Health Collective are up to, [sign up for the newsletter here](#). Select the images below to read up on some of the press coverage we received!



With laws and rulings ever-changing, we'll continue to be in touch with more information and ways you can help protect reproductive freedom. Abortion IS legal in Montana, and with your help, it will STAY legal. If you need access to abortion care, reach out to one of our health centers or go to www.abortionfinder.org.

Thank you for sticking with us.

In solidarity,
Jessica Lahr (she/hers)
Community Organizer