



Advocacy Update

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Threats to Roe v. Wade -- Act Now

This past Saturday, January 22, was the 38th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the Supreme Court's groundbreaking decision, which ruled that women have the right to choose whether to continue a pregnancy to term or to have an abortion. Despite public support of reproductive rights (a recent Hart Research poll indicated that 62% of voters oppose overturning Roe), women's right to choose is once again targeted for dismantling by Religious Right extremists and anti-choice legislators.

Reproductive Health Care in the State Insurance Exchanges

Five states, Arizona, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, and Tennessee, have already passed legislation banning abortion coverage in the state insurance exchanges that will be set-up under the new health reform legislation that will not be fully implemented until 2014. The Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice has launched a campaign and website "Insure Women: Ensure Our Future" to inform the public about the issue of banning reproductive health care in the upcoming state insurance exchanges and to build support for protecting women's access to reproductive health services. The website provides background about the issue and the opportunity to sign-on to the campaign. Sign-on today!

Anti-Choice Bill Introduced in the House of Representatives

The radical anti-choice "No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act" (H.R. 3) was introduced in the House of Representatives just two days before the 38th anniversary of the Roe v Wade decision.

Through onerous new taxation the "No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act" seeks to preclude employer provided health coverage for abortion services and private individually purchased health insurance. It would also permanently ban abortion coverage for women on Medicaid, federal employees, women in the military, and others.

Urge your members of Congress to oppose the "No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act" now!

Abortion and the Stories Clergy Tell

Friday, January 21 10 Minutes of Torah, "Abortion and the Stories Clergy Tell" by Rabbi Dennis Ross (originally published in Religion Dispatches), presents the vital need for access to safe and affordable abortion services through tragic stories told to and by clergy. Take a few moments to read the stories told by Rabbi Ross.