

## A Blueprint Vision Statement Principles to Reimagine and Strengthen Reproductive Freedom

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We, the undersigned organizations, declare our unity and re-dedicate our collective power to protecting and advancing sexual and reproductive health, rights, and justice (SRHRJ) in the United States and around the world.

We are committed to building a world where a person's ability to make their own decisions about their lives and health doesn't depend on who they are, how much money they have, or where they live.

Every person has the basic human right to quality, affordable health care free from discrimination and coercion, and no individual or community should be left behind. There is no universal freedom without gender equality and bodily autonomy. There is no gender equality or bodily autonomy for all without meaningful progress in reproductive justice, freedom, and liberty. And as has been made clear, from public opinion polling, to the global trend towards expanding access to sexual and reproductive health care, including abortion, and to numerous elections before and since the Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization decision, this is what a clear majority of people want.

**Yet**, an emboldened opposition is escalating efforts to undermine sexual and reproductive health, rights, and justice here and around the world. The decision to eliminate the constitutional right to abortion in the United States was an attack on abortion rights and also part of an ongoing global assault on human rights to undermine access to contraception, sex education, gender-affirming care, the rights of women, girls, and LGBTQIA+ people, and more. Simultaneously, we are facing a growing maternal health crisis, climate crisis, and many other humanitarian crises. Our nation and our world cannot continue on this trajectory.

That is why, as the reproductive justice movement eloquently stated, we must reimagine and reclaim our sexual and reproductive freedom. This work is necessary, urgent, and overdue. In this moment of crisis, we urge leaders in all parts of government at every level to affirm their commitment to and actively fight for policy changes to advance sexual and reproductive health, rights, and justice in the United States and around the world for all people. This fight is particularly critical for those most impacted by anti-SRHRJ policies, including women, Black, Indigenous and other people of color (BIPOC) communities, LGBTQIA+ people, people living with and impacted by HIV, immigrants, religious minorities, young people, and others.

**Sexual and reproductive health** intersect with every aspect of what we are and do. They are inextricably tied to economic justice, racial equity, voting rights, immigrant rights, disability justice, LGBTQIA+ liberation, youth justice, decolonization, environmental and climate justice, democracy reform, gender equality, education, and the right to community safety, among others. Ensuring every person, no matter who they are and where they live, has access to sexual and reproductive health, rights, and justice, is foundational to their economic, mental, and physical well-being.

We embrace the growing numbers of professionals, activists, individuals and organizations who are joining in the front-lines of health care service delivery, advocacy, and education. Their collective efforts are needed to counter the attack on sexual and reproductive health and rights as well as to build new and sustainable pathways to the equity and justice all people deserve.

To further this vision for what sexual and reproductive freedom should look like, we call on policymakers at all levels of government to: **Creatively and swiftly** utilize all tools at their disposal to protect and advance abortion access and sexual and reproductive health, rights and justice for all, at home and abroad.

**Center communities** most harmed by abortion restrictions, maternal health inequities, and efforts to curtail sexual and reproductive health, rights and justice. This includes those across the U.S. and around the world who are Black and Brown, young, LGBTQIA+, immigrants, refugees, asylum seekers, people living with HIV, individuals with disabilities and chronic conditions, those who are working to make ends meet, those who are harmed by the climate crisis or other environmental injustices, and those who experience multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination.

**Ensure** that equity, non-discrimination, and human rights are at the heart of all policy development, implementation, and evaluation.

**Champion** sexual and reproductive health, rights, and justice as critical to the achievement of health and well-being, gender equity, educational and economic opportunity, and other broad domestic and global goals and priorities.

**Meet with, listen to, and visibly b**e in solidarity with sexual and reproductive health patients, providers, educators, and organizers across the country and around the world.

Advance a comprehensive policy vision to address all barriers that impede the realization of universal access to sexual and reproductive health, rights, and justice, including racism, white supremacy, sexism, hetero-patriarchy, homophobia, transphobia, colonialism, xenophobia, classism, ageism, and ableism.

**Prioritize** sexual and reproductive health, rights, and justice in the budget process and fully fund domestic and global sexual and reproductive health and rights education, programs, and services.

**Use their platforms** to combat stigma and misinformation related to abortion, gender-affirming care, and other sexual and reproductive health care, including sex education, categorically condemn and actively counter all reproductive coercion and criminalization, highlight the harm of bans and restrictions, and underscore their commitment to sexual and reproductive health, rights, and justice.

**Nominate, appoint, confirm, and hire** personnel who will uphold and advance sexual and reproductive health, rights and justice and set a clear expectation that everyone contemplates how their role can deliver reproductive freedom and takes action within their sphere of influence.

**Support, celebrate, and learn** from brave and innovative local and global efforts to expand access to sexual and reproductive health services, education, information, technology, rights, and justice and how to access such services, whether in-person or virtually (telehealth).

## **Organizational Sign-Ons**<sup>\*</sup>

\*Endorsement is an indication of solidarity within our movement and a recognition of the urgency of these principles. Endorsement does not necessarily mean that organizations have expertise on or are actively working towards each priority or principle listed.

Advancing New Standards in Reproductive Health (ANSIRH)

Advocates for Youth

AIDS Alliance for Women, Infants, Children, Youth & Families

All\* Above All Action Fund

American Jewish World Service

Amnesty International USA

Black Women for Wellness Action Project

Catholics for Choice

Center for Biological Diversity

Center for Reproductive Rights

Collective Power for Reproductive Justice

Contraceptive Access Initiative (CAI)

Council for Global Equality

EngenderHealth

Equity Forward

Essential Access Health

Fòs Feminista

Global Justice Center

Guttmacher Institute

Human Rights Watch

Ibis Reproductive Health

If/When/How: Lawyering for Reproductive Justice

In Our Own Voice: National Black Women's Reproductive Justice Agenda

Ipas

MomsRising

NARAL Pro-Choice America

National Center for Lesbian Rights

National Council of Jewish Women

National Family Planning & Reproductive Health Association

National Health Law Program

National Institute for Reproductive Health

National Latina Institute for Reproductive Justice

National Network to End Domestic Violence

National Women's Law Center

PAI

Physicians for Reproductive Health

Planned Parenthood Federation of America

Population Connection Action Fund

Population Institute

Positive Women's Network-USA

Power to Decide

Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice

RHITES (Reproductive Health Initiative for Telehealth Equity & Solutions), a fiscally sponsored project of the Hopewell Fund

SIECUS: Sex Ed for Social Change

The Southwest Women's Law Center

UCSF Bixby Center for Global Reproductive Health

Union for Reform Judaism

URGE: Unite for Reproductive & Gender Equity

USOW

Women of Reform Judaism

Women's Refugee Commission