

**We need a federal law to stop needless, harmful restrictions that block and delay abortion access. The Women's Health Protection Act is that law.**

## **A UNIFIED CALL FOR ACTION**

WHPA is supported by a broad coalition of nearly 100 organizations committed to reproductive health, rights, and justice through the Act for Women Campaign. The campaign includes organizations that work on a variety of issues such as racial justice, environmental justice, and LGBTQ+ issues, as well as faith groups, and health care providers.

**Learn more about the campaign at [actforwomen.org](https://actforwomen.org).**

## **An Unprecedented Increase in Laws Hostile to Abortion**

In 2016, the Supreme Court reaffirmed a person's right to access abortion care, and yet extremist politicians have not stopped their unceasing attack: hundreds of harmful, restrictive laws have been passed since then, and more than 400 since 2011, which:

- delay and obstruct access
- lower the quality of care that is delivered
- are meant to shame those seeking abortion
- require providers to perform medically unnecessary procedures and share factually incorrect information
- increase costs and risks of reproductive health care services, and
- create gross inequities in access to health care.

These disingenuous restrictions do nothing to protect health and safety of patients. A 2018 independent report on the safety and quality of abortion care in the United States from the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine found that abortion in all forms and practice is safe and effective—but that the biggest threats to the quality of abortion services are state regulations that negatively impact the quality of health care delivery.

## **How does the Women's Health Protection Act Work?**

The Women's Health Protection Act (WHPA) puts a stop to those regulations, and protects those seeking abortion from delays, obstacles, and medically unnecessary restrictions not required for similar health care services. These restrictions have led to the closure of hundreds of clinics, creating a patchwork of access to abortion care across the country and pushing abortion care out of reach for already marginalized populations: those living in poverty, people of color, LGBTQ+ people, those who live in rural areas, and young people.

## **Why We Need the Women's Health Protection Act**

**The Women's Health Protection Act takes crucial steps toward protecting access to essential reproductive health care, self-determination, and the constitutional rights of all people, no matter where they live.**