



# Planned Parenthood of Northern New England NEWS SOURCE

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Dear Friends,

We hope this newsletter finds you and your loved ones healthy and well.

As we embark on this new year, a year that will be of enormous importance to sexual & reproductive health care access, we're incredibly grateful to have you standing with us.

Reproductive health care is under attack like never before, and the recent 49th anniversary of Roe v. Wade on January 22nd may well be the last.

It is hard to believe but we fully expect that this summer, Roe v. Wade, the landmark case which made abortion legal in this country nearly 50 years ago, will be dismantled by the US Supreme Court. The ramifications will be enormous:

- up to 26 states in this country are predicted to restrict or ban abortion access;
- the states that still have access will be inundated with patients;
- people with low incomes, people in rural areas, and marginalized communities who already face immense barriers to health care access, will be impacted the most;
- children today will grow up with fewer reproductive freedoms than their parents.

We know that some of you reading this have been part of the fight for sexual and reproductive rights for decades, and some of you are new to this movement. While this could be the most challenging year for reproductive rights in half a century, we cannot lose hope. We were made for this moment. And, of course, we will not turn our backs on our patients.

While these are dark times, we cannot lose sight of our successes. As you'll see inside this newsletter, we're engaging and activating our supporters. We're thrilled to be the recipient of Press Ganey's prestigious Guardian of Excellence Award® in patient experience. With your support, we not only serve all those who turn to us for life-changing care - we provide exceptional care that you can feel incredibly proud to invest in.

We know that here in northern New England, we need to be as strong as possible to serve all who will turn to us in the days, months, and years ahead. We are carefully strategizing not only how to navigate the current environment, but to build strength for the future. Without a doubt, your support is key.

We ask you to stay informed and stay active. We'll be sure to keep you updated throughout this year.

With Gratitude,

## PPNNE'S INTERIM LEADERSHIP TEAM



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# A DAY OF ACTION

Photos from around our region on Dec 1<sup>st</sup>

Supporters across our region took to the streets Dec 1st - the day the US Supreme Court heard oral arguments in Dobbs v Jackson Women's Health Organization - the case that could dismantle Roe v. Wade.



## Legislative Updates

### Maine

In Maine, we are supporting several pro-active bills this year including one to expand insurance coverage of no copay birth control and one to address the increase in protester activities outside our health centers.

### New Hampshire

In New Hampshire, we are supporting the Access to Abortion-care Act (SB436 and HB1674) to affirm abortion rights in state statute so that regardless of what happens federally, abortion will be safe and legal in the Granite State. Additionally, we are working to repeal NH's recent 24-week abortion ban, and mandated, sometimes medically unnecessary, ultrasounds for all abortion care. We are also fighting against multiple bills to further restrict abortion access in New Hampshire, including a copycat Texas 6-week ban and an effort to allow "biological fathers" to stop their partner from having an abortion.

Further, right before Christmas, the New Hampshire Executive Council again denied family planning contracts totaling more than \$1 million for PPNNE, Equality Health Center, and Loving Health Center. Together, we provide nearly 80% of all family planning services to patients in the NH Family Planning Program, including birth control, STD testing and treatment, and cancer screenings.

### Vermont

In Vermont, the House is voting on the Reproductive Liberty Amendment (Prop 5) one last time. The proposed state constitutional amendment would protect every Vermonter's right to make their own reproductive decisions. If it passes, it will be on the ballot in the November 2022 General Election.

*"I know all of you are doing the most you can to protect reproductive freedom.*

*My 12 yr old niece EXPECTS to have these freedoms...my generation worked hard to get them for her.*

*But I vowed to her that I won't go back to the old days. Whatever that takes - you at PPNNE can count on us old warriors."*

- CARD FROM A PPNNE SUPPORTER

## 2021 GUARDIAN OF EXCELLENCE AWARD® WINNER

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PRESS GANEY

Thanks to you, our supporters, and to our dedicated staff, PPNNE is thrilled to announce that we've been awarded the prestigious Guardian of Excellence Award® by Press Ganey, the national leader in health care consumer and workforce engagement.

PPNNE partners with Press Ganey on patient satisfaction surveys to gain greater insight into how we can continually improve the patient experience at our health centers. We have been recognized as one of last year's top-performing health care organizations in patient experience—consistently achieving and sustaining ratings in the 95th percentile or above—compared to more than 20,000 medical practices across the country.

Against an era of unimaginable change, our health center staff really stepped up to the plate to respond to the

challenges of this past year. This accolade demonstrates their commitment to providing high quality, expert care to our patients – truly, no matter what.

With your support, we not only serve all those who turn to us for life-changing care - we provide care that you can proudly invest in.

It is clear that our patients experience the passion and commitment our dedicated staff bring to their work every day, providing exceptional patient focused care.

Thank you for making this incredible, award-winning care possible. We are able to do this work and provide this care because of your commitment and partnership. You are helping our communities stay healthy, strong, and empowered.



"The staff is **absolutely phenomenal** here. They're so friendly and help take so much of the stress out of each and every part of your appointment - scheduling the appointment, check-in/out, tests, exams & procedures...and the way they explain everything to you and make sure that you're completely aware and fully understand everything...the rest of the world, especially the medical world, desperately needs to catch up."

- PPNNE Patient

"Everyone there was **super supportive and super nice** during a very scary moment in my life. Wonderful and very loving staff!"

- PPNNE Patient

"Every experience I've had has been nothing but phenomenal. The staff is always super friendly and accommodating. I always feel like I'm **in good hands** when I'm there and like they really care about my well being. I also always feel very supported and **well informed** about everything I've ever been there for. I couldn't ask for a better experience...."

- PPNNE Patient



