



Big Wins for Reproductive Freedom from the 2023 Legislative Session

Connecticut's legislative session ended on June 7, 2023. We are extraordinarily grateful to our champions in the Lamont administration and the legislature, including the leadership of the CT General Assembly Reproductive Rights Caucus, along with our supporters and advocates for keeping our state moving forward by passing a series of bills to advance reproductive freedom in our state.

We were proud to join Governor Lamont and Lt. Governor Bysiewicz and some of our legislative champions for a ceremonial bill signing on July 19 for four reproductive health and rights bills including:

- Strengthening protections guaranteed by the Reproductive Freedom Defense Act to prevent adverse actions against health care providers who provide reproductive health care and gender-affirming care in our state.
- Protecting personal information by strengthening data privacy and confidentiality protections for patients seeking reproductive health care or gender-affirming health care.
- Expanding access to birth control by allowing pharmacists to prescribe hormonal contraceptives and allowing emergency contraception (EC or morning-after pill) in vending machines.
- Ensuring access to reproductive and gender affirming health care for students attending public colleges and universities by requiring the campuses to establish a plan for students to access the essential health care they need.

Read our full session wrap up here: [2023 Legislative Session Wins! | Planned Parenthood Votes! Connecticut \(plannedparenthoodaction.org\)](https://www.plannedparenthoodaction.org/2023-legislative-session-wins)



One Year After Dobbs: Attorney General William Tong Brings Together State Leaders to Reaffirm Commitment to Reproductive Freedom

On June 22, 2023, we were honored to join Attorney General Tong in a roundtable discussion bringing together state elected officials, policymakers, and abortion advocates. The discussion focused on the impact of the Dobbs decision overturning Roe v. Wade in Connecticut and nationwide and what our state is doing to fight back.



Attorney General Tong has taken bold action to protect and defend reproductive rights, including the appointment of Assistant Attorneys General Alma Nunley and Emily Gait as Special Counsels for Reproductive Rights. In their new roles, Counsels Nunley and Gait will lead the Office of the Attorney General in protecting abortion access and fighting for reproductive rights in Connecticut and nationwide.

Planned Parenthood Generation Action

Intern Highlight: *Petrina Bamfo*

Petrina Bamfo, a rising Senior at UConn Stamford studying Political Science with a minor in Sociology, has been involved with Planned Parenthood of Southern New England since she was 16 years old. Starting as a member of STARS (Students Teaching About Responsible Sexuality), Petrina is now a Planned Parenthood Votes! CT Generation Action Intern organizing on her campus and in her community bringing more young people into the movement for reproductive freedom and to advance our legislative priorities. Over the last year, Petrina has been busy organizing around SB 1108 to energize her peers to advocate against the lack of access to sexual and reproductive health care on campus.

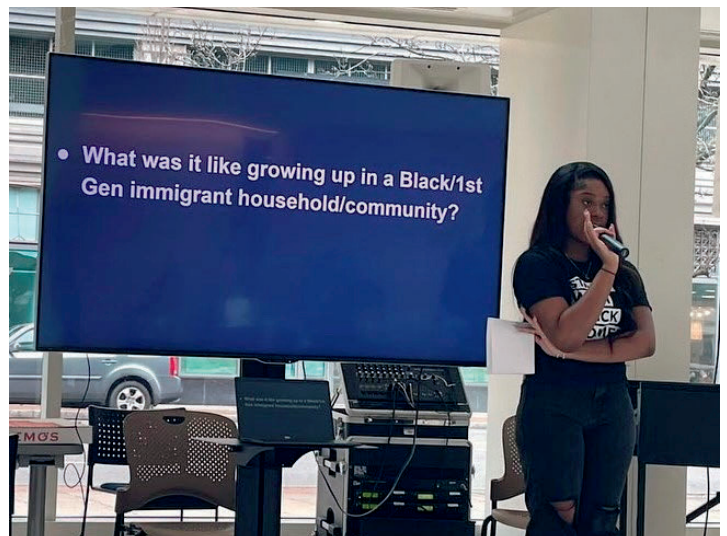
After struggling to secure funding for emergency contraceptives and a health care center, Petrina organized a Round Table discussion during Women's History Month, partnering with State Representative Hubert Delany (D-144, Stamford) to amplify marginalized voices and advocate for more resources on campus. Petrina emphasized that many of her peers resided in neighboring districts, and it was crucial for representatives to hear their concerns. Petrina also invited State Representatives Rachel Khanna (D-149, Stamford/Greenwich) and Anabel Figueroa (D-148, Stamford) to the event, providing students with an opportunity to engage with elected officials.

Now that SB 1108 has been signed into law, Petrina is going forward with an additional tool to continue the fight for improved access to reproductive health care and gender-affirming health care at UConn Stamford.

Looking to the future, Petrina has her sights set on law school, citing PPV!CT as her inspiration to pursue a career in advocacy. "Way back in high school, Planned Parenthood gave me the opportunity to fall in love with advocacy work and has inspired me to continue on this path" Petrina concluded.



Pictured above: Petrina Bamfo poses for a photo with Gretchen Raffa, and State Representatives Hubert Delany, Rachel Khanna, and Anabel Figueroa



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