



UNA-NCA Coffee Chat: Reproductive Justice

Want to Take Action?

- ❖ [Sign on](#) to UNA-NCA's [letter](#) in support of DC for CEDAW.
- ❖ Become a [Member of UNA-NCA](#) to get involved in our DC for CEDAW campaign, Human Rights Committee, and Advocacy Committee!
- ❖ Use the Call Script below and call your representative today to tell them to support safe and equitable access to abortion.
- ❖ Donate funds or your time to national, state, or local reproductive justice organizations or abortion funds to increase access to reproductive care for all. You can find a list of organizations to support below.
- ❖ Volunteer at your local reproductive justice organization or as a Clinic Escort through your local Planned Parenthood's website.
- ❖ Join UNA-NCA's Advocacy Committee to plan for advocacy initiatives surrounding reproductive justice and gender equity. Email takeaction@unanca.org to join our Advocacy Committee.

Call Your Representative Today

Find your [Representative](#) and [Senators'](#) office phone number. Phone numbers are also available on each state's page or on your senator's website. Say the following:

Hello, my name is [name], and I am a constituent from [your state, city, or town]. I am calling to let Representative/Senator [Congressperson's name] know that I support the right of all people to have safe and equitable access to abortion, regardless of their age, location, socioeconomic status, or circumstances in order to make the best choice for themselves. For that reason, I ask that [State Representative] support the bipartisan [Senate Bill 4688, Reproductive Freedom for All Act](#) or [House Bill 3755 Women's Health Protection Act](#). Thank you for your time.

The State of Abortion in the DMV

Abortions are currently legal in D.C., Maryland, and Virginia. Abortion access is most restricted and currently at risk in Virginia, while D.C. provides the most robust abortion care including late-stage and third trimester procedures, abortions for people younger than 18 without parent permission, and care for people residing outside the District. New bills such as the [Enhancing Reproductive Health Protections Amendment Act of 2022](#) and the [Human Rights Sanctuary Amendment Act of 2022](#) are being introduced in DC to provide further protections for those seeking abortions as well as those who assist in accessing reproductive healthcare. In Virginia, bills like [HB 1274](#) and [HB 304](#) have been introduced which would prohibit abortion after 20 weeks gestation and criminalize abortion providers.

Current Restrictions on Abortion¹:

D.C.

- ❖ Public funding is available for abortion only in cases of life endangerment, rape or incest.

Maryland

- ❖ The parent of a minor must be notified before an abortion is provided; health professionals are allowed to waive parental involvement in limited circumstances.
- ❖ An abortion may be performed at or after viability only if the patient's life or health is endangered or there is a fetal anomaly.

Virginia

- ❖ Abortion is covered under insurance policies for public employees or available for public funding only in cases of life endangerment, rape, incest or fetal impairment, with a burden of proving need.
- ❖ The parent of a minor must consent and be notified before an abortion is provided.
- ❖ An abortion during the third trimester may be performed only if the patient's life or health is endangered.

Local Reproductive Justice Organizations

DMV		D.C.	Maryland		Virginia	
Advocacy	Support	Support	Advocacy	Support	Advocacy	Support
Planned Parenthood Advocates for DC, Maryland and NoVa	Partners in Abortion Care	DC Abortion Fund	Pro-Choice Maryland	Baltimore Abortion Fund	REPRO Rising	Blue Ridge Abortion Fund
	Whole Woman's Health	Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan Washington	Women's Law Center of Maryland	Planned Parenthood of Maryland/June Coleman Fund	Planned Parenthood Advocates of Virginia	Hampton Roads Reproductive Justice League
	DMV Abortion Practical Support Network	National Organization for Women DC (NOW)		Maryland National Organization for Women (NOW)	National Latina Institute for Reproductive Justice-Virginia	New River Abortion Access Fund
		DuPont Clinic		Gynemed Surgical Center		Virginia League for Planned Parenthood

¹ "State Facts about Abortion." Guttmacher Institute, September 18, 2019. <https://www.guttmacher.org/fact-sheet/state-facts-about-abortion>.