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Below is a 499 mailer regarding Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi co-sponsoring the Ensuring Women's Rights to Reproductive Freedom Act introduced by Congresswoman Lizzie Fletcher.

Congressman Krishnamoorthi is proud to be a co-sponsor of the Ensuring Women's Right to Reproductive Freedom Act, introduced by Reps. Lizzie Fletcher (D-Texas), Jamie Raskin (D-Md.), and Marilyn Strickland (D-Wash.), which was passed in the House on a bipartisan basis in 2022. The Ensuring Women's Right to Reproductive Freedom Act will protect Americans who travel out of state for reproductive healthcare from prosecution by local or state law. Following the Supreme Court's 2022 Dobbs decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade* and *Casey v. Planned Parenthood*, several states have begun to institute wide-reaching abortion-bans and reproductive healthcare restrictions. Some state legislatures have suggested even stronger restrictions on reproductive health care access, like Missouri's proposed bill to allow civil lawsuits against people who received legal out-of-state abortions. In the two months following abortion trigger laws taking effect in states surrounding Illinois, such as those in Missouri and Kentucky, the number of abortion procedures in Illinois has increased by 30 percent. In 2020, nearly 10,000 women traveled from out of state to Illinois seeking reproductive healthcare procedures, an increase of 20 percent from 2019.

While Illinois remains committed to providing women's health services for in and out-of-state patients, it's critical that Illinois clinics are not the only healthcare centers for millions of Americans living in surrounding states. Congressman Krishnamoorthi also supports expanding reproductive healthcare options for those in and outside Illinois by ensuring access to abortion medication across the country by passing into law federal protections. Congressman Krishnamoorthi is proud to be working to protect women's rights and ensure women have access to affordable and safe reproductive healthcare and this legislation has his full endorsement.

Rep. Krishnamoorthi's Office Is Here To Help

Thank you for continuing to stay vigilant and engaged during these difficult times. Please contact Rep. Krishnamoorthi's office if you have any questions or concerns by calling (847) 413-1959, emailing at IL08.help@mail.house.gov, or sending a message through the website <https://krishnamoorthi.house.gov/contact/email>.