

From: "Blumenauer, Earl" <Congressman.EarlBlumenauer@mail.house.gov> To: Hunter.Spence@mail.house.gov Subject: TEST One Year Later Date: Fri, 23 Jun 2023 11:40:47 -0400 Dear Friend, One year ago, the Supreme Court revoked the fundamental right to abortion and struck down a half-century of legal precedent. This ruling has proven to be completely out of step with the vast majority of the American people. Since this egregious ruling, Americans across the country have repeatedly affirmed their support for abortion rights. Several states, including Oregon, swiftly passed laws to strengthen the right to an abortion. I am proud that Oregon is the only state in the nation with no restrictions on abortion access. Under Governor Kotek's leadership it will remain that way. Still, 14 states have implemented total bans on abortion—most with no exception for rape or incest. Another 6 states have severely limited access. The impacts have been devastating. The average travel time to an abortion facility has more than tripled. 1 in 3 women are now living without abortion access in America. We know these restrictions disproportionately harm the most vulnerable among us: people living in poverty and abusive relationships, women without access to contraceptives, and mothers who are already struggling. As more states consider abortion bans and while we await a federal court decision that could make medication abortion inaccessible across the country, providers are left in untenable situations. Without clarity surrounding what procedures can be performed, physicians are forced to choose between losing their medical license or withholding life-saving care. This state-by-state patchwork of care cannot stand. We must codify the right to abortion. I joined House Democrats to introduce legislation to codify Roe v. Wade and create a national right to access abortion care. House Republicans refuse to bring this to a vote, but I am using every procedural tool at my disposal to force a vote. And critically, the Biden-Harris Administration must continue to aggressively combat any attempt to restrict access to abortion medication. We must stop at nothing to restore access to the full spectrum of reproductive services across the country. We must be as strategic, as determined, and as relentless as our opponents have been. One year ago, we entered a new chapter in the fight for reproductive freedom. By no means will this be easy, but we will meet the moment. We will restore the right to bodily autonomy. We must. For updates on my work, be sure to like and follow my official Facebook(https://urldefense.com/v3/__https://www.facebook.com/congressmanblumenauer__;!!F) and Instagram, @congressmanearl Blumenauer.