**YWCA Call to Action: Phone/Email script for Federal Elected Officials**

**Support and Pass the Women’s Health Protection Act (S. 4132/H.R 8296).**

**Phone Script:** *If you wish, please add your own thoughts to your communication to your elected officials.*

## Hello, my name is [insert name here], and I am a constituent calling from [insert city and state]. I would like to speak to [insert name/title of elected official] or their respective Head of Staff.

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## (If your Member of Congress is unavailable-- continue with: *“Please pass along this message for me.”*)

I’m calling today as part of YWCA’s Week Without Violence to urge [insert name/title of elected official] to support and pass the Women’s Health Protection Act (S. 4132/H.R 8296).

Equal access to safe, legal abortion care is the right of all persons to determine their own lives. Yet, the decision released by the Supreme Court in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* earlier this year has targeted the reproductive freedoms of millions of individuals across the United States, freedoms once accessible under Roe v. Wade. The decision in *Dobbs* and the later implementation of abortion bans have not only disproportionately affected women of color, LGBTQIA+ persons, survivors of gender-based violence, young people, immigrants, low-income people, and others who have difficulty accessing reproductive health services, but have continued to place barriers to social and economic equality for all women.

The Women’s Health Protection Act (S. 4132/H.R 8296) would protect the right to access abortion, free from burdensome and often medically unnecessary restrictions, including mandatory ultrasounds, waiting periods, biased counseling, and irrelevant medical testing. The bill also protects providers offering abortion services to ensure abortions remain safe and accessible.

Everyone deserves to make the medical decisions that are right for themselves, their futures, and their families without the interference of others. Can we count on [insert name/title of elected official]’s support for the Women’s Health Protection Act this year?

**[Response: Yes]**

Abortion access is fundamental to advancing equity. Thank you for your support and for taking action to protect reproductive freedoms.

**[Response: Maybe/No]**

We all deserve access to quality and affordable health care - including abortion care. The Women’s Health Protection Act is a step towards protecting such access and fundamental reproductive freedoms. Thank you for your time and, once again, we hope you will reconsider your position.

**Email/Voicemail Script:** *If you wish, please add your own thoughts to your communication to your elected officials.*

## Hello, my name is [insert name here], and I am a constituent calling from [insert city and state]. I am reaching out today as part of YWCA’s Week Without Violence to urge [insert name/title of elected official] to support and pass the Women’s Health Protection Act (S. 4132/H.R 8296).

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Abortion access is fundamental to equity and everyone deserves to make the medical decisions that are right for themselves, their futures, and their families. Thank you and I look forward to [insert name/title of elected official] support of this legislation.