

## NORTHWEST ABORTION ACCESS FUND

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## **Northwest Abortion Access Fund Denounces Supreme Court Decision to Overturn Roe v. Wade**

*Board and staff of the only abortion fund serving the Pacific Northwest condemn the decision by the Supreme Court in Dobbs vs Jackson Women’s Health Organization ruling to overturn the landmark Roe v. Wade. NWAAF reaffirms their commitment to continue to help people access abortion care in the region.*

**Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington (June 24, 2022)** – We are devastated by the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) decision to overturn federal protections for abortion. We, the Northwest Abortion Access Fund (NWAAF), remain steadfast in our mission to assist people who need abortions, particularly those who face the greatest burden of increased restriction because of this decision: people with low incomes, people of color, immigrants, LGBTQIA+ individuals, young people and people who live in rural communities. With Roe v. Wade gutted, the need for safe abortion access will only increase. We cannot predict how many people will now need to leave their own states and travel further distances, but **we have and will continue to be here, as we have for over 30 years.**

“It’s abhorrent that what few protections this country afforded abortion access are being fully stripped away”, said a current NWAAF Board Director. “We know this will affect millions of people and exacerbate the deeply entrenched inequalities embedded in our country’s foundations. But, we will continue to serve our callers, continue to fund abortion, and will work tirelessly until everyone and anyone who needs an abortion can access one. Easily, safely, and without judgment.”

**Abortion access remains legal and protected in Washington and Oregon, making our region a haven for reproductive healthcare.** We will continue to support and fund callers in states, like Idaho and Alaska, where access will be restricted or limited because of this decision – the majority of our callers – and all those who seek abortion

access in the Pacific Northwest. NWAAF is dedicated to increase our fundraising in anticipation of the accelerated need for abortion grants and higher costs related to travel. We know that these new resources, and more investment into abortion access and care, are critical and urgently needed.

We know this because we are already seeing it – **NWAAF is on the front line of supporting people who need reproductive healthcare and are struggling to get their needs met. Our hotline call volume has increased and to date in 2022, we fielded 1,062 hotline calls which is 46% more than 2021.**

We invite you to join us in envisioning a world where people can easily access safe, legal abortion care with respect, dignity, and compassion.

#### **Here are actions you can take to support abortion access:**

- [Donate to the Northwest Abortion Access Fund](#). We fund abortion. We build power in breaking down barriers. We understand the level of support, engagement and commitment folks are wanting to help provide. Right now we are needing financial support for the days, months, and time to come. We will announce when we are able to take on more volunteers.
- End abortion stigma! When you're speaking with your friends, family and elected officials, we need to say the word 'abortion'! Tell someone you love your abortion story(ies), and listen deeply and with empathy to the abortion stories of others. Together, we can make sure abortion care is accessible, affordable, and free from shame and stigma for all. More can be found on the [abortion funds conversation starter](#).
- Learn the [Do's and Don'ts](#) of being an activist/advocate.
- Review an interactive Map of the impact of ["What if Roe fell?"](#) The Center of Reproductive Rights created a tool to show the impact including laws, constitutions, court decisions and assigns 1 of 4 categories: Expanded Access, Protected, Not protected and Hostile.

#### **What you can expect from us over the next several days:**

- Be patient with us. We are primarily volunteer run and our small staff needs to prioritize their time in assisting our callers and continuing this work. Our callers come first as we help navigate them through the myriad of barriers.
- We will be prioritizing requests for interviews. If you are reaching out with a media request, please know that we follow the [Liberate Abortion's Guide for](#)

Journalists. Please send your information with the following items: Your article topic, interview questions and deadline. We will consider your inquiry as quickly as possible and ask for a 48-72 hour timeframe to prioritize our staff and volunteers' schedule. We also ask that you do not attempt to reach out to individual staff members as they may not be able to respond to personal media inquiries via phone or email

We are grateful for the solidarity, connection, mutual caring and shared purpose of the abortion funding community. We are looking forward to continuing to help provide abortion access in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington.

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*About the Northwest Abortion Access Fund: The Northwest Abortion Access Fund is an abortion fund serving Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Alaska. Trained, compassionate volunteer advocates run our toll-free hotline. We are a 501(c)3 nonprofit and a member of the National Network of Abortion Funds (NNAF), a membership organization of funds across the United States. Our Mission is to fund abortion and break down barriers to abortion access for people in the Northwest. We envision a world where people can easily access safe, legal abortion care with respect, dignity, and compassion.*

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## **Pro-Choice Washington Press Call and Statement on SCOTUS *Dobbs* vs. *Jackson Women's Health* Decision**

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Pro-Choice Washington, with ACLU Washington, Cedar River Clinics, Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates, Northwest Abortion Access Fund, and Legal Voice, are holding a press call today. Join us to hear directly from pro-abortion leaders and learn more about what the U.S. Supreme Court decision means for Washington and the country.

**Date:** Today, June 24, 2022

**Time:** 12pm PT

**Conference Info:**

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://aclu.zoom.us/j/81591236880>

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Speakers:

- Pro-Choice Washington
- ACLU Washington
- Cedar River Clinics
- Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates
- **Northwest Abortion Access Fund**
- Legal Voice