



Alert – Thank the Courageous 4 Voting Against SJR127

As you may know, **SJR127**, which would have laid the groundwork for amending the Tennessee constitution to specifically remove the right to abortion, failed in the Public Health Subcommittee of the House Health and Human Resources Committee on April 12th. The vote was 4-3 with 1 abstention.

Please thank the 4 courageous House Members who voted against SJR127 and in support of privacy rights and access to safe and legal health care for women in Tennessee: Representatives Sherry Jones, Beverly Marrero, JoAnne Favors, and Lois DeBerry. Contact information is below.

There is still work to do - there may be an attempt by anti-choice legislators to pull the resolution out of committee directly to the House Floor; this can be done if 2/3 of those present vote in the House Committee or House Floor to bypass the committee structure.

Please contact your house member (www.legislature.state.tn.us) and ask them to vote NO on pulling SJR127 to the House Floor. Make sure your state representative knows that, despite what the anti-choice forces are telling legislators:

- Abortion is heavily regulated and not readily accessible for most women, particularly beyond the first trimester.
- There is a parental consent law on the books in Tennessee and it is respected and enforced.
- The number of abortions in Tennessee is declining - everyone agrees that this is a positive trend. We should all focus on how to prevent unwanted pregnancies and how to offer women who have unplanned pregnancies the resources and support they need.
- As evidenced by the debate in the State Senate prior to the passage of SJR127, this is such an extreme effort to move toward outlawing all abortions in TN that the sponsors fought off efforts to protect the right to abortion for victims of rape and incest and even to save the life of the mother.

Many thanks for all your work to protect reproductive freedom in Tennessee!

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