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We must pass the PRO Act. We must pass this bill because our rights, and our lives, depend on it.

We saw abortion and contraceptive rights stripped away during Donald Trump's presidency. We watched, horrified, as *Roe v. Wade* was overturned, and states banned abortion one by one. We have seen our friends, family members and neighbors struggle to make intimate health care decisions in the face of barriers, abortion restrictions and political attacks. We can no longer count on federal protections or empty political promises. That's why Minnesotans must pass the PRO Act.

Passing the PRO Act would be an unprecedented victory for abortion and reproductive care protections in the Upper Midwest. This act would solidify Minnesotan's fundamental right to make personal health care decisions without anti-abortion political interference. Most importantly, the PRO Act would ensure all Minnesotans have access to safe, nondiscriminatory, barrier-free reproductive care regardless of gender identity, class or other demographic identifiers.

All of us should be free to make our own bodily decisions without the influence of politicians or judges. Passing the PRO Act is crucial to making this freedom a reality for all Minnesotans.

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