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**Illinois Medical Professionals  
Action Collaborative Team**



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Dear Governor Pritzker,

As health care professionals, we are deeply disturbed by the ruling of the Supreme Court majority to overturn Roe v. Wade, rendering abortion inaccessible to millions of people, while also widening existing healthcare disparities across our nation. We know abortion is an essential component of reproductive healthcare, and is a fundamental issue of bodily autonomy. As doctors, nurses, pharmacists, physician assistants, and other frontline medical workers in Illinois, we are preparing for an influx of patients from neighboring states seeking abortion care. We are grateful to you for protecting abortion in Illinois and for publically reaffirming our state's commitment to "trust people to make the best decisions for themselves about their own reproductive health". We support your commitment to being a safe haven for patients across the nation, and especially your leadership in the enactment of the Reproductive Health Act, which enshrined reproductive care, including abortion, as a fundamental right for citizens of Illinois.

However, it is essential that Illinois goes a step further and protects its citizens' rights. We urge you to enact safe harbor laws, as [Connecticut](#) and [California](#) have done, to protect our patients, healthcare providers, and the entities they serve from out-of-state attacks and lawsuits. As we prepare to support expanded reproductive access for those from neighboring states, we also anticipate that our own lives and livelihoods will be at risk, and call on our state and local governments to protect us and take any threats of violence seriously. In addition to funding to support abortion care for patients, it is also vital to support enhanced funding for training programs across the State to meet the increased demand in this public health emergency. Lastly, we ask that our colleagues in other states who can help meet this increased demand are provided with access to free, expedited medical licenses to practice in Illinois.

Sincerely,

The Illinois Medical Professionals Action Collaborative Team ([IMPACT](#))