The Woman Project is Making Your Voice Visible through our “patchwork petition” project: Petition 2.0

The Reproductive Health Care Bill in Rhode Island would basically codify Roe Vs Wade at the state level. This means if the courts were to overturn Supreme Court decisions like Roe v. Wade, Rhode Islanders would still have access to safe and legal abortions. We can act today to protect tomorrow!

The Reproductive Health Care Bill will also repeal the harmful and unconstitutional spousal consent law that is still on paper in Rhode Island. This law has been deemed unconstitutional, but because it is on the books it Rhode Island it too could come back with a change in the federal courts. We must make sure legislation never comes back in Rhode Island.

Last session, our fifty-three foot paper petition helped highlight the public passion supporting Rhode Island’s Reproductive Health Care Bill. It got attention because of its outrageous size, its collaborative nature, and the dedication of our petition sitters and protesters. It’s a great art piece, but now it’s time to step it up...
Petition 2.0, will be even bigger, even more collaborative, and even more impressive as an art piece. **This time, we are making a giant fabric petition out of sewing together 7 inch squares. Each square will represent another supportive voice for the Reproductive Health Care Bill.** It will be powerful and emotional artifact to draw lots of attention, but we need your help to make it happen!

In order to do a project of such scale, we’ll need many hands! Please help us protect our own bodily autonomy as well as of present and future Rhode Islanders!

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**How to Make a Signature Square:**

- Start with a 7 inch by 7 inch piece of cotton-based fabric.

- Decorate the 6 inch by 6 inch “middle” of the square (leave a half in border plain for sewing) with permanent markers or other fabric-safe materials (ex: thread, patches, fabric glue, etc)

- Include the following:
  - ✓ Your full name
  - ✓ Your town
  - ✓ The date you made your square
  - ✓ **OPTIONAL:** add images, words, phrases, or stories that showcase your passion about reproductive freedom!

- Give the finished square to The Woman Project. We’ll organize them and sew them into 4 foot by 4 foot sections with our volunteers. The patchwork sections will be displayed at different opportunities around the state and specifically shown to our elected officials. Consider helping more by spreading the word!
More ways to help:

- Contact The Woman Project to cut 7 inch squares or to help sew our 4 foot patchwork sections together!
- Organize “signature square” signing parties for your friends to get more people involved in the project and aware of this threat to our healthcare access!
- Spread the word on social media!
  
  #SignatureSquare #ReproRightsRI #TheWomanProject
- Call, email, or write your elected officials and voice your support for The Reproductive Health Care Bill! Do it loud and do it often!
- Follow The Woman Project on social media for awesome articles and more ways to get involved! You can also sign up for our newsletters to stay informed!
- Finished squares can be sent to: The Woman Project, 13 Mechanic Street, Wakefield, RI 02879
- Join us December 30th from 10am to 4pm as we collectively sew this quilt together at the UUCSC at 27 North Road, in Peace Dale, RI.