



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B

July 19, 2022

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RE: DC's Role as a Safe Haven for Reproductive Health Services

Dear Mayor Bowser and Councilmember White,

At its regular meeting on July 13, 2022, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission ("ANC 2B" or "Commission") considered the above-referenced matter. With 9 of 9 Commissioners in attendance, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of (9-0-0):

Findings:

- District of Columbia law has long protected reproductive freedoms by safeguarding access to safe and legal abortions,
- These protections were extended under the "Enhancing Reproductive Health Protections Amendment Act of 2020" that amended the "Human Rights Act of 1977" to recognize the right to contraception and abortion to all people living in or entering the District of Columbia,
- The DC Council is currently considering legislation to further strengthen reproductive protections in response to the U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Dodd v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*,
- The DC Council has proposed legislation, the "Enhancing Reproductive Health Protections Act of 2022," to protect those who support and assist individuals seeking to

self-terminate a pregnancy and to shield those who provide, dispense, or transfer any product used for self-managed abortions from any penalties,

- The DC Council is further considering legislation, the “Human Rights Sanctuary Amendment Act of 2022,” to prevent the District from cooperating with proceedings that seek to impose civil or criminal liability for the protected conduct identified under District of Columbia law, and
- This proposed legislation also creates a private right of action against parties who successfully bring Texas-style bounty claims against others for engaging in conduct protected under District of Columbia law.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B urges the DC Council and the Mayor to enact the “Enhancing Reproductive Health Protections Amendment Act of 2022” and the “Human Rights Sanctuary Amendment Act of 2022” to protect the right of all citizens to safe and legal abortions.

Commissioner Meg Roggensack (2B01@anc.dc.gov) is the Commission’s representative in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Meg Roggensack", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Meg Roggensack
Chair