

PRO-CHOICE WASHINGTON



Tell your state lawmakers to make pro-choice policies a priority in 2023.

CURRENT LANDSCAPE

Although we live in a progressive state, access to abortion and other types of reproductive healthcare are not guaranteed for every person in Washington. This is due to uneven distribution of resources and services across the state, and a historic lack of representation and omission of intersectional issues within the reproductive freedom movement. All of which are critical for communities to gain equitable access to reproductive healthcare.

Our work at state and local levels is now more important than ever. On June 24, the Supreme Court of the United States overturned the 1973 *Roe v. Wade* and the 1992 *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* decisions, which guaranteed federal constitutional abortion protections.

With this final decision, Washington is officially a sanctuary state for abortion rights. Guttmacher Institute predicts a 385 percent increase in out-of-state patients seeking abortion care in Washington clinics and hospitals.

This situation is a rallying cry for people all across Washington state and the region. Join hands with us to advocate for key issues and protect and expand our reproductive freedom.

WHY A POSTCARD PARTY?

Advocating for priority legislation is a critical step to advancing reproductive freedom for all in Washington.

We must let our lawmakers know that we expect them to pass bold and progressive policy to ensure that Washington is a place where anyone can access abortion in our state free from criminalization, regardless of where they are from.

Sending your lawmakers postcards will bolster pro-abortion champions in office by letting them know we have their backs, encourage those less outspoken to speak up, and show anti-abortion lawmakers that the majority of Washingtonians support comprehensive reproductive healthcare for all.



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READY TO HOST? LET US KNOW!

Let us know - When you are ready to host a postcard party in your community by emailing us at info@prochoicewashington.org with your desire to host a party and we will send you materials to make the party both fun and easy.

Pick a date - Try to host your party in the summer or in the fall to let them know reproductive freedom is still a priority for their constituents while they are getting ready for the next legislative session.

Create a guest list - Make a list of friends, family, and neighbors. Consider inviting acquaintances from work, gym, and school. Let us know if you want to invite other Pro-Choice Washington volunteers that live in your area.

Decide on a location - Here are a few ideas! You can host a party at your home, a friend's home, a local library, or coffee shop.

Tip! Once you have an idea of how many people you're inviting, you'll have a better idea of where to host your party.

Invite people - Here are some ways you can invite folks to attend your party.

- Create a Facebook event and/or email an invitation out.
- Call, text, or email your friends to follow up on your Facebook invitation or email.
- Ask your friends to invite their personal network.
- Invite those in your community by posting a flyer or dropping off an invite at local shops.

Tip! See the sample invitation for messaging.

PREPARE FOR YOUR PARTY

Make an agenda ahead of time - Plan when people will arrive; when people will fill out postcards; when people will share their stories; and when you will take pictures of your event.

Social media - If you are going to post on social media (and we hope you do), ask attendees ahead of time if they are okay with you posting photos of them.

Sharing Stories - Ask a guest to share a story about what access to abortion means to them, and/or plan to share one yourself.

Get materials ready - Here are some things you may need:

- Set up a sign-in sheet
- Put postcards out
- Hang up signage or other decorations
- Provide light snacks (if you want!)

Write - Write and address postcards to your elected officials with a clear message and ask for them. It's easy and there are just three parts:

1. Reiterate the importance of this passing bold and progressive policy in response to the reversal of Roe v. Wade
2. Tell them you're pro-choice and that protecting and expanding abortion access is a priority for you.
3. Ask them to make this their priority in 2023.



Look up your state legislators - You should send postcards to your three state legislators:

- Your State Senator
- Both of your State Representatives

REMINDER! Your representatives depend on where you live, so you will need to look them up to confirm who you are sending your postcards to and where to mail them.

Tip! Visit <https://app.leg.wa.gov/districtfinder/> to find their address.