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Executive Note

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This year's short legislative session wrapped up on March 7, and our organizing team and lobbyist worked hard to help pass **4 (out of 7)** bills on our legislative agenda!

Though our top priority bill, the **Keep Our Care Act**, stalled at the eleventh hour, Pro-Choice Washington activists worked in coalition to modernize workplace safety and equity protections for strippers, to end cost sharing for PEP (the lifesaving HIV prophylaxis medication), to enact consequences for non-consensual condom removal and tampering, and to protect patients from predatory Crisis Pregnancy Centers.

I'm also excited to announce that our team is growing! In March, **Paul Dillon** joined our team as Political Manager!

Like our Organizing Director, Sarah Dixit, Paul is based in Spokane.

For the City of Spokane, Paul serves as a newly elected reproductive freedom champion on the City Council. (More on Paul below!)

As we look toward summer, we are preparing for the potential challenges that lie ahead: there is a possibility that the Supreme Court will restrict access to mifepristone nationwide, and the upcoming presidential and gubernatorial elections will have far-reaching consequences for abortion access and reproductive freedom.

We are so grateful for your continued support. Our work continues because of you!

In solidarity,



SUPPORT OUR WORK



Left: Pro-Choice Washington's newest team member Paul Dillon and his daughter Hazel out for a stroll in Spokane. **Right:** Activists pose for a group photo on the steps of the capitol during Lobby Day 2024.

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PASSING POLICIES

Legislative Action: Over 600 activists wrote emails or notes to lawmakers, and many of them testified and showed up at our Lobby Day to elevate the **Keep Our Care Act (KOCA)**.

Because of this broad support, KOCA made it out of the Senate for the first time in bill history!

Unfortunately, when KOCA was sent to the House, Democratic leadership tallied their votes, and realized there weren't enough votes to bring the bill for a floor vote.

We always knew that passing KOCA would be a multi-year campaign, and we're not giving up!

Pro-Choice Washington will continue the work to educate lawmakers in the interim session and build power for next year's session.

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WORKING WITH ELECTED OFFICIALS

On what would have been the 51st anniversary of *Roe*, Pro-Choice Washington joined Congresswoman Suzanne DelBene (WA-01) and reproductive freedom partners for a roundtable discussion about the future of reproductive freedom in Washington.

Rep. DelBene has been working hard at the federal level to protect and expand abortion rights for everyone who lives in Washington and the Northwest region.



Above: Pro-Choice Washington Communications Director Ryan MacDonald and Regional Organizer Sarah Gibbons joined a roundtable with Congresswoman Suzanne DelBene and coalition partners on the 51st anniversary of *Roe*.

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BUILDING A MOVEMENT

Community Activism: Northwest Regional Organizer Sarah Gibbons hosted a legislative letter writing workshop with the Mt. Baker Planned Parenthood chapter in Bellingham.

During the community happy hour, the group wrote postcards to their lawmakers about why comprehensive abortion care is a priority for their communities!



Above from left: Activists write postcards to their lawmakers; the “Dear Abortion Seeker campaign graphic.

Dear Abortion Campaign: Our “Dear Abortion Seeker, You’re Welcome Here” campaign (featured above) was awarded an Anthem Award!

This annual awards are given to campaigns that honor the purpose and mission driven work of people, companies, and organizations worldwide!

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INFORMATION SHARING

For **Black History Month**, we were reminded of the Black birth workers and activists whose shoulders the reproductive freedom movement stands on. Since 1619, Black women and femmes in the United States have been organizing for their bodily autonomy, safety, and sexual and reproductive self-determination.

The Shades of Motherhood Network is a Spokane-based organization that uplifts the stories and experiences of Black birthing people.

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STRENGTHENING OUR ORG

Political Manager: Paul Dillon joined our team in March. Paul previously led the public affairs team at Planned Parenthood of Greater Washington and North Idaho.

We’re thrilled to expand Pro-Choice Washington’s capacity to build political power in Eastern Washington and build partnership with neighbors facing draconian abortion bans in Idaho.