CENTER *for* REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

Congressional Factsheet

A healthy, functioning government relies on transparency and a strong accountability system to ensure that it is working for the people, *all* the people. The role of Congressional oversight in the federal system of checks and balances is more important than ever. Congress has the ability and opportunity to combat the Trump administration's restrictions and defend reproductive rights by:

- Reinvesting in the federal government and reproductive health infrastructure; and
- Restoring and enforcing national protections for abortion access.

We align our policy recommendations with two strategies:

Strategy 1: Talk About Reproductive Rights

Abortion is popular. As of 2024, 63% of U.S. adults say abortion should be legal in all or most cases. Medication abortion is safe, effective, and widely used, and access to medication abortion persists across the country even in the face of restrictive laws due to the prevalence of telehealth and shield laws. Anti-abortion organizations and lawmakers are losing in the courts of law and of public opinion, so they peddle mis- and dis-information. As champions of access to reproductive rights, it is important to talk about abortion access and other reproductive care as part of the overarching issue of health care. We provide recommendations below for potential areas to highlight and talk about reproductive rights in service of reinvesting in and restoring reproductive health access.

Strategy 2: Lay the Future Groundwork

Due to the furious nature of the Trump administration's dismantling of checks and balances and the Executive Branch writ-large, there are many administration actions that merit Congressional oversight and legislative action. Nonetheless, when abortion advocates are in the minority, Congressional action is a long-game. We provide recommendations below for sustained oversight and legislative action, to hold the Trump administration accountable and pave the way for future Congressional priorities.

The Center is likewise conducting its own oversight to hold the Trump administration accountable by demanding transparency and exposing wrongdoing. Our Repro Red Flags project has served as a near real-time repository of key Trump administration actions, policies, and people impacting reproductive rights. Our recently released one-year report is another accountability measure to highlight the harmful attacks by the Trump administration on reproductive rights in 2025, the impact of these attacks on people's health, and what to expect in the future. We have also filed 26 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests (and sued on 2 of them, here and here), with more to come. We are committed to working with Congress to make sure the public is aware of the Trump administration's anti-reproductive rights actions and to block as many of these actions from taking effect as possible, so that in the future we can undo the Trump administration's harmful actions and achieve full access to reproductive rights in the United States.

	Strategy 1: Talk About Reproductive Rights	Strategy 2: Lay the Future Groundwork
Reinvest in the Federal Government & Reproductive Health Infrastructure	• Lift up the stories of communities that are dramatically impacted by the Trump administration's withdrawal of funds for health care services—through Medicaid cuts in the so-called "Big, Beautiful Bill," anticipated Title X program cuts, and restrictions on ACA plans—under the guise of dismantling abortion providers. • Lift up the stories of federal employees, including whistleblowers, to showcase the dismantling of the reproductive health infrastructure.	• Investigate the flow of federal funds to anti-abortion states and groups (e.g., Crisis Pregnancy Centers (CPCs)). • Use the Congressional Review Act to block harmful regulatory actions (e.g., Veterans' Affairs Reproductive Health Services Rule). • Claw back delegations of authority granted to agency Secretaries, as needed. • Incorporate notice and consent requirements in agency reorganizations. • Strengthen independence of Inspectors General and the Government Accountability Office (e.g., Anti-Deficiency Act enforcement).
Restore & Enforce National Protections for Abortion Access	• Lift up the stories of pregnant people not receiving the reproductive care they need at hospitals and other health centers. • Lift up the stories of health care providers being threatened and harmed. • Lift up the stories of people being unjustly criminalized because of pregnancy and pregnancy outcomes.	• Investigate: EMTALA compliance, violence against abortion providers, compliance with Medicaid exceptions coverage requirements, sharing of private health information with law enforcement, parental consent and involvement in reproductive decisions, and unscientific assessments of medication abortion. • Introduce Congressional resolutions and bills that promote access and eliminate barriers to reproductive care such as H.R. 12/S. 2150: Women's Health Protection Act; H.R. 4611/S. 2377: EACH Act; H.R. 4104/S. 2149: HEAL for Immigrant Families Act; HR 238: Sense of Congress for Emergency Health Care; and HR 2497: Abortion Care Awareness Act of 2025. • Introduce Congressional resolutions and bills that strengthen data privacy protections for health care information (e.g., HR 3218: Reproductive Data Privacy and Protection Act).