

*Greetings to Labor Notes activists from
the National Mobilization for Reproductive Justice*

Abortion rights are labor's fight!

The right to reproductive self-determination has been continuously under siege despite the Supreme Court's *Roe v. Wade* ruling that legalized abortion a generation ago. This month, the court will issue a decision that is expected to overthrow *Roe*. More than 25 states will immediately outlaw abortion if *Roe* falls.

There is an urgent need for labor organizations to raise their voices and take action for reproductive justice. Working people will not be denied the ability to control our own bodies, lives and health care.

Deciding whether and when to have children is a basic human right. The gender gap in wages, promotions, and education is dramatically widened when parents have to leave the workforce to bear the burden of care. The many forms of reproductive **injustice**, including forced sterilization and lack of affordable childcare, have the most devastating consequences for people who are poor, of color, queer, trans, or living with disabilities.

Call on unions to build a winning strategy

The fight for reproductive justice needs the numbers, militancy and know-how of organized labor. And labor needs the energy of people rising up to defend bodily autonomy. As unionists and militant advocates of reproductive justice, **let's work together to motivate unions to call a national conference of working women, feminists and community allies to strategize how to preserve these vital rights.** We are stronger fighting together. And strongest when we wage a multi-faceted effort with leadership



of the most oppressed, whose lives depend on winning long-term gains, not piecemeal reforms.

The National Mobilization for Reproductive Justice is a growing coalition of unions, groups and individuals. **Join us** to fight for the intersectional demands that are our basis for unity:

- **Protect and expand *Roe v. Wade*; safe, legal abortion on demand without apology**
- **Repeal the Hyde Amendment**
- **Overturn state barriers to reproductive choices**
- **Stop forced sterilization**
- **No to caged kids, forced assimilation, & child welfare abuses**
- **End medical & environmental racism; for universal healthcare**
- **Defend queer & trans families**
- **Guarantee medically sound sex education & affordable childcare**
- **Sexual self-determination for people with disabilities**
- **Uphold social progress with expanded voting rights & strong unions**

Initiated by Radical Women. Ask your union to add its name to the list of endorsers: *American Federation of Government Employees Local 3197, Central Phoenix NOW, Communication Workers of America Local 7800, Freedom Socialist Party, Fuerza Mundial Global, Gender Justice League, Georgia NOW, Metro Justice, New Mexico Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice, Newark Education Workers Caucus, Oregon Coalition of Black Trade Unionists, Organized Workers for Labor Solidarity, Phoenix & Seattle Democratic Socialists of America, Pacific NW & IL chapters of American Party of Labor, Raging Grannies Action League, Seattle NOW, South Dakota NOW, Trabajadoras por la Paz, United Auto Workers Local 4121, Unitarian Universalists of San Francisco Human Rights Working Group, Washington Federation of State Employees Local 304, Washington State Federation of Democratic Women.*

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**Updates and organizing calendar at
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