Greetings to WSLC Convention delegates from the National Mobilization for Reproductive Justice

Abortion rights are labor’s FIGHT!

Unionists are raising their voices along with multitudes of people protesting the Supreme Court’s reactionary June 24 decision abolishing the constitutional right to abortion. The Court has dragged the U.S. back 50 years. It’s back to the days of pro-segregation “states’ rights” law and bans on contraception and queer identities. And forward to the dystopia of a fertilized egg having all the rights of personhood. We reject this future.

There is an urgent need to fight back. Our unions must take the lead in this battle both on the job and in the streets. Working people will not be denied the ability to control our own bodies, lives, job options and health care.

Gender gaps in wages, promotions, and education are dramatically widened when parents have to leave the workforce to provide childcare. The many forms of reproductive injustice, including forced sterilization and lack of affordable housing and healthcare, have the most devastating consequences for people who are poor, of color, queer, trans, or living with disabilities.

Emergency labor action needed

The fight for reproductive rights needs the militancy, know-how, experience and vast membership of our unions. We urge WSLC unions to call on the AFL-CIO to organize an emergency national conference of working women and allies to strategize how to restore abortion and win full reproductive justice.

The National Mobilization for Reproductive Justice is a growing coalition of unions, groups and individuals based on these demands:

- Restore 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

Ask your union to endorse the National Mobilization for Reproductive Justice. Partial list of endorsers: Alphabet Workers Union CWA Local 1400, American Federation of Government Employees Local 3197, Communication Workers of America Local 7800, Cornish Federation of Teachers AFT4169, Freedom Socialist Party, Fuerza Mundial Global, Gender Justice League, Georgia NOW, Labor for Black Lives Collective - Seattle, Metro Justice, National Organization for Legal Services Workers UAW 2320, Newark Education Workers Caucus, Oregon Coalition of Black Trade Unionists, Organized Workers for Labor Solidarity, Radical Women, Raging Grannies Action League, 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, and more!

To work together on union action for abortion, contact Puget Sound Mobilization for Reproductive Justice, 206-722-6057 • PugetSoundMobe@gmail.com
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Planning meetings are Sundays at 6:30pm via Zoom. Register at tinyurl.com/2022justice

Get national updates, endorsement form and organizing calendar at ReproJusticeNow.org

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