HEY, HO - ABORTION BANS HAVE GOT TO GO!

A photo journal highlighting the fierce women of NAPAWF Georgia and our war against abortion bans
What you need to know about HB481!

- HB481 is an omnibus bill, meaning it covers many different unrelated subjects.
- It bans abortion providers from preforming abortions after the six week mark.
- Exceptions include: pregnancy as a result of rape or incest (up to 20 weeks), if the life of the pregnant person is in danger, and if necessary to preserve life of fetus.
- Rape exemptions are accepted if the victim files a police report.
- The bill defines "fetal viability" (when a fetus can survive out side of the womb) at 6 weeks.
- Due to this abortion providers can be charged with fetal homicide (murder).
- The bill does not take effect until January 1, 2020.

ABORTION IS STILL LEGAL IN GEORGIA - THE BILL HAS NOT TAKEN EFFECT YET.
Members lobbying with GA State Representatives

NAPAWF leader Maham speaking at May 21st rally

We are searching for more folks to join our Practical Support Volunteer network in Atlanta and Athens!

Apply

Dance-a-thon 2019!
It's that time of year again -- time to two-step past barriers to abortion. Want to fundraise or volunteer, let us know!

Team NAPAWF at ARC-Southeast's Abortion Dance-athon
First Step of Organizing is Strategizing:

A group of NAPAWF leaders came together to come up with our strategy before we began lobbying, rallying, and protesting. At this meeting we thought of:

- WHAT type of actions we would do?
- WHO our targets were?
- WHY this work is important?
We've mastered the art of smizing while politicizing.

The organizer extraordinaires of the RJRH Coalition who made it all happen

It looks like we are planning our next move, but we're actually discussing the complexities of byriani.
1. RJLI is a comprehensive 9 month free training for members. We look at reproductive justice through an Asian American lens. The participants have a diverse range of interests, backgrounds, experiences, and knowledge. The goal of the program provide our RJLLI'ers with the skills needed to organize independently.

2. On the first day of RJLI, we began by performing a team building exercise where we had to work together to unbind ourselves. Little did we know that within 2 months we would have to work together to free ourselves from oppressive abortion bans.
Tactics on The Ground:

NAPAWF along with the other members of the Reproductive Justice, Rights, and Health (RJRH) Coalition employed multiple tactics. Together we:

1. Sat in on committee hearings to show our disapproval before the bill was introduced in the Georgia House and Senate
2. Sent letters and cards
3. Made phone calls to legislators
4. Brought hundreds of people to the capital for the whole legislative session to lobby politicians. There were so many anti-abortion ban lobbyists that they changed the rules around lobbying.
5. Packed the gallery
6. Participated in, organized, and spoke at multiple rallies.
7. Partook in mass demonstrations.
8. Organized, participated in, spoke at an action in the governor's mansion.
9. Educated community members about HB481
10. Will continue to fight for our reproductive agency
Outside of House Gallery with NAPAWF field organizer and executive team member from Chicago, and Nabilah Islam

NAPAWF leaders in red at committee hearing

ABOVE: Members Anna, Maham, Roula, and Payal as well as NAPAWF canvasser Baylor, at the Governor's Mansion #squadgoals
After the legislative season, NAPAWF hosted a self care day to be with community after the passage of HB481.
MEDIA CAMPAIGN

For many of us participating at the capital is not possible. This may be because of work, disability, immigration status, distance, and other obstacles. However, this did not stop people from taking action.

#PissedOffPeaches
This hashtag was created by the Georgia organizer from Women Engaged. This is hashtag allowed people to follow the work of the coalition on multiple social medias.

Hashtag Hijacking of #TheMasters
A NAPAWF leader came up with the brilliant idea to tweet about the Abortion Ban with #TheMasters. The plan was to steer attention from the golf tournament towards abortion. This allowed us to reach a national audience.

We also hosted multiple press conference where we attracted local and national reporters.
WE ARE LOUD & PROUD, AND GOING TO GET OUR MESSAGE OUT

(Left) Our voter registration work at Global Mall

(Right) NAPAWF Atlanta organizer Roula with press

(Bottom) RJRH coalition press release
TWITTER IS A WAR ZONE AND NAPAWF’S NOT BACKING DOWN!

Anjoli Anand @anjolianand · 12 Apr
Definitely not a great move to hit the tee marker at #TheMasters because banning abortion past 6 weeks as #hb481 does means a ban at the point where a period that is only 2 weeks late, and that's only if you're super regular, which so many people are not! Bc bodies are different!

Anjoli Anand @anjolianand · 12 Apr
The thing about picking between Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson at #TheMasters is that politicians in Georgia think they know more about abortion and the reproductive cycle than every reputable medical organization in the country. We stand against forced birth in Georgia

Anjoli Anand @anjolianand · 12 Apr
Golfers! So happy to have you here! A state where 79 counties don't have an OBGYN, so banning abortion makes total sense when women are already struggling to make safe health care decisions #TheMasters
Nicole Gathany @NicoleGat... · 14 Apr
Welcome to Georgia where lawmakers care more about a collection of cells than fully formed human beings
#MastersSunday #Masters2019 #TheMasters

Anjoli Anand Retweeted
Nicole Gathany @NicoleGat... · 14 Apr
Welcome to Georgia where parenting the way you want is criminalized
#MastersSunday #Masters2019 #TheMasters

NAPAWF Metro Atlanta Chapter ... · 3d
At the Governor’s Mansion last night to tell #briankemp that abortion is a human right and we hold him accountable.
#HB481 will not stand. AAPI women & girls fight back, because we are determined to win our agency, autonomy, dignity, and liberation. Love, some #PissedOffPeaches
Legislative Advocacy training at Feminist Women's Health Center. The photo was taken six weeks before HB481 was introduced. If only we knew!

Yes, we know we could be models, but bringing fear into the souls of anti-choice politicians is a full time job.

Your friendly neighborhood organizers!
When politicians say Georgians support HB481, show them these pictures.
Kris Jenner works hard, but our Canvassers work harder

Lesson learned from this picture: Hairy Boob shirts are allowed at the Capital. Disclaimer: Capital Police might have thought they were oranges

Some lobbyist give politicians dollar bills, but NAPAWF gives politicians something more valuable: the words of their constituents.
Georgia Reproductive Health, Rights, and Justice Coalition:

- Access Reproductive Care - Southeast
- ACLU of Georgia
- Feminist Women's Health Center
- NARAL Pro-Choice Georgia
- National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum (NAPAWF) Georgia Chapter
- Planned Parenthood Southeast Advocates
- SisterLove, Inc.
- SisterSong
- SPARK Reproductive Justice Now
- URGE: Unite for Reproductive and Gender Equity
- Women Engaged