

.....
(Original Signature of Member)

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. RES. _____

Expressing support for Reproductive Justice on the 250th Anniversary of
the United States of America.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. SIMON submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Expressing support for Reproductive Justice on the 250th
Anniversary of the United States of America.

Whereas as the United States of America approaches its
250th anniversary, we recognize that both in the history
of the United States and in the current day and age, as-
pects of the Federal Government and States across the
United States have moved to restrict self-determination
and bodily autonomy;

Whereas the fourth anniversary of the Supreme Court's trag-
ic decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organiza-
tion*, which overturned *Roe v. Wade* and eliminated the
constitutional right to abortion highlights the notion that
self-determination and bodily sovereignty are corner-

stones of democratic governance, economic security, racial justice, gender equity, public health, religious autonomy, and the full civic participation of all people;

Whereas attacks on access to abortion, contraception, gender-affirming care, and the freedom to form a family on one's own terms threaten the ability of people to make decisions about their own lives, futures, and families, and fall hardest on those already facing barriers to opportunity;

Whereas Reproductive Justice, a framework created in 1994 by Black women organizers, holds that every person has the right to have children, the right not to have children, and the right to raise children in safe, healthy, and thriving communities, free from domestic violence, offering this Nation a coherent human rights vision rooted in freedom, dignity, and self-determination;

Whereas every person deserves the freedom to decide if, when, and how to build a family, and every child deserves the opportunity to grow up in a safe, healthy, and supportive community;

Whereas the right to have a child demands equitable access to dignified, person-centered reproductive and maternal healthcare; a robust and diverse health care workforce; postpartum and family support; and freedom from coercion, forced sterilization, and the criminalization of pregnancy;

Whereas the right not to have a child demands the legal protection of abortion access, the elimination of financial, geographic, and administrative barriers to comprehensive reproductive health care, robust protections for patients and providers, and the full decriminalization of pregnancy outcomes;

Whereas the right to raise a family with dignity demands universal health care, affordable and accessible childcare, paid family leave, disability-inclusive communities, living wages, and the resources necessary for every family to thrive;

Whereas the promise of America is not fulfilled when health care, family formation, and bodily autonomy depend upon a person's race, zip code, income, disability status, or immigration status; and

Whereas the scale of this moment calls for a full commitment of national ingenuity and political will toward the most fundamental human needs for our collective future: the preservation of our democratic integrity, the protection of our public health, and the full realization of reproductive freedom for all: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) recognizes that every person has the right
3 to safe, dignified, and equitable conditions for child-
4 birth and family formation;

5 (2) commits to policies that advance person-
6 centered, community-rooted maternal health care
7 that expands the full continuum of maternal care,
8 and ensures accountability at every level of the
9 health care system;

10 (3) condemns increased criminalization of preg-
11 nancy and pregnancy outcomes, and affirms protec-
12 tions against reproductive coercion, forced steriliza-

1 tion, and the criminalization of pregnancy outcomes,
2 including miscarriage, abortion, and stillbirth;

3 (4) affirms individuals should have coverage
4 and access to fertility treatments, assisted reproduc-
5 tive technologies, and the full range of options peo-
6 ple need to form families on their own terms with
7 ethical and equitable regulatory frameworks gov-
8 erning emerging reproductive technologies, with par-
9 ticular attention to preventing eugenic application;

10 (5) affirms that reproductive freedom includes
11 the right to plan, space, or end a pregnancy safely,
12 legally, and without barrier and commits to policies
13 that advance, and constitutional enshrinement of,
14 the right to abortion and comprehensive reproductive
15 health care at every level of government;

16 (6) condemns funding restrictions that deny or
17 delay reproductive health care to people based on in-
18 come, immigration status, insurance status, or geog-
19 raphy, including Hyde Amendment-style prohibitions
20 and their State and local equivalents;

21 (7) affirms the commitment of Congress to
22 guarantee universal access to comprehensive, medi-
23 cally accurate, age-appropriate reproductive and sex-
24 ual health education and care;

1 (8) affirms that reproductive justice requires
2 the conditions to raise families safely, sustainably,
3 and with full human dignity;

4 (9) affirms the commitment of Congress to
5 guarantee a universal and robust health care system
6 that includes the full suite of reproductive and sex-
7 ual health care, including abortion, contraception,
8 prenatal and postpartum care, and gender-affirming
9 care, for every person, regardless of income, employ-
10 ment, or geography;

11 (10) recognizes the need for universal paid fam-
12 ily and medical leave;

13 (11) affirms that every person should have ac-
14 cess to affordable, high-quality childcare and early
15 education, essential family supports, including nutri-
16 tion, housing, and health services, so that every child
17 has the foundation for a safe, healthy, and sup-
18 ported childhood; and

19 (12) declares a vision for a future where repro-
20 ductive freedom is treated not as a privilege to be
21 granted or withheld, but as a human right guaran-
22 teed to us all, and an indispensable foundation of
23 democracy, dignity, and the American promise.