

# CampaignForReproductive **Health&Access**

## **HB 2354 Reproductive Health and Access Act VOTE YES**

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### VOTE YES

#### **HB 2354, the Reproductive Health and Access Act (RHAA):**

- bars the government from interfering with anyone's ability to use birth control, carry a pregnancy to term or terminate a pregnancy;
- requires all Illinois public schools to teach medically accurate, age appropriate, comprehensive sex education. Parents would be allowed to remove their children from classes if they do not want them to participate;
- makes sure that government-funded health care programs, like Medicaid, cover basic reproductive health care services like family planning, pre-natal care, and pap tests as they do for other health care services;
- protects both patients and doctors by allowing individual health care professionals to object to providing certain services, while still ensuring that patients receive timely, accurate and complete information about care options.

#### **We need the Reproductive Health & Access Act in Illinois because:**

- We must protect the right of women to a continuum of choices throughout their reproductive lives -- from honest sex education to access to quality birth control, prenatal care, and the right to choose abortion.
- We must ensure that a woman has as many responsible options as possible when it comes to making important personal decisions about her reproductive health care.
- We must guarantee everyone the ability to use or refuse contraception and ensure that every woman is able to make her own personal decisions about when and whether to have a child and to control her own reproductive health without interference.
- We must ensure that government will not interfere with women's personal decision-making based on their own personal values and their doctors' advice.