

ARIZONA ABORTION ACCESS ACT TOOLKIT

Abortion is healthcare. Abortion is a human right. Abortion access should be simple.

Every person has the right to decide for themselves whether or not to carry a pregnancy to term. Access to abortion is a human right, but following the Supreme Court's reversal of Roe v. Wade in 2022, abortion rights are no longer federally protected in the U.S.

Since the fall of *Roe* in 2022, Arizona has imposed a 15-week abortion ban and in April of 2024, the <u>Arizona</u> <u>Supreme Court upheld a 160-year-old abortion ban</u>, which poses a significant threat, potentially leading to the closure of abortion clinics across the state. While we welcome Arizona lawmakers' <u>vote to repeal this</u> <u>archaic abortion ban</u>, this is not enough to protect the human right to abortion in Arizona. A 15-week ban is still in place in Arizona and will come into effect on June 27, if courts don't intervene.

Any type of abortion ban is an infringement of our right to decide whether or not to carry a pregnancy to term, and these restrictions fall the hardest on Black and brown women, who disproportionately already struggle accessing health care services, transportation, ability to take time off from work, and live in areas where childcare is inaccessible or costly.

But we have the chance in Arizona to enshrine the right to abortion in the state constitution.

The Arizona Abortion Access Act is a community-led initiative in the state that seeks to amend the Arizona constitution to establish the right to abortion and ensure that every person can make personal decisions about their bodies and their lives. We are joining <u>the Arizona for Abortion Access Coalition</u> to collect signatures between now and July 3rd to put an initiative on the ballot to protect abortion access. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

If you are a registered voter in Arizona and are over the age of 18, you can:

- SIGN THE PETITION to get abortion access on the ballot.
- GET TRAINED to collect signatures in your community.
- MOBILIZE your community and raise awareness on social media.

Even if you are not from Arizona, you can still play an active role in this Campaign. Use this toolkit to learn more about how you can take action today and ensure abortion access is on the ballot in Arizona this November! You can skip to different ways to take action by clicking the links below.

TAKE ACTION QUICK LINKS

Actions for registered voters in AZ!

- Sign the Petition
- Join the Virtual Kick-Off Call for AZ Activists
- Collect Petition Signatures

Actions for everyone!

- Mobilize Your Community on Social Media
- Join the Campaign from Anywhere in the US
- Keep Talking About Abortion Access

TAKE ACTION FOR ABORTION ACCESS IN ARIZONA

SIGN THE PETITION

Wherever you are in the state, you can sign the official petition to be on the ballot to protect abortion access in the state this coming election. Use our list below or this link to find out **where to sign the petition**.

Important Note: to **SIGN** the petition for the Arizona Ballot Initiative to protect abortion access in the state you must be:

- 1. 18 years old or older
- 2. Registered voter in Arizona

If you are under 18, you can still raise awareness about the issue and mobilize people you know who are 18+ to sign the petition. Click here to skip to that section of the toolkit!

Drop-In Locations: you can stop by these locations any time, no need to call ahead or make an appointment.

Tucson: 2720 E Broadway Blvd, Tucson, AZ (520) 955-9722 Tuesday - Friday 10 am - 1pm Friday 3 pm - 6 pm Saturday 9 am - 12 pm

Tucson: 267 South Avenida del Convento, BLDG. 5, Tucson, AZ 85701 Sundays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays 12 – 6pm



Phoenix: (Notaries also available) 514 W Roosevelt St Phoenix, AZ (520) 327-0520 Friday - Monday 10 am - 3pm

Phoenix: Healthcare Rising Arizona Office 7776 S. Pointe Parkway Suite 170, Phoenix, AZ 85044 Monday-Friday: 8 AM - 5 PM Closed for lunch 1-2 PM

Locations by Appointment: you will need to call the contact people at these locations below to set up a time to stop by and sign the petition.

Tucson: AZ for Abortion Access Hub located near E 22nd St & S Tucson BLVD in Tucson. To set up an appointment to stop by this HUB, please **contact Lauren at (520)705-5777.**

Phoenix: AZ for Abortion Access Hub located near Osborn Rd & 3rd St in Phoenix. To set up an appointment to stop by this HUB, please contact **Toby at (602)300-2280.**

Phoenix: HUB located near 40th St & Thomas Rd in Phoenix. To set up an appointment to stop by this HUB please contact **Jenny at 480-206-2189.**

Glendale: AZ for Abortion Access Hub located near Camelback Rd & 83rd Ave in Glendale. To set up an appointment to stop by this HUB, please contact **Martha at (623)640-3093.**

Scottsdale: AZ for Abortion Access Hub located at Chaparral Park. To set up an appointment to stop by this HUB, please **contact Chris at 623-256-7453.**

Surprise: AZ for Abortion Access Hub located near Bell Rd and the 303. To set up an appointment to stop by this HUB, please **contact Larry at 480-492-3043.**

Tempe: HUB located near Southern Ave & McClintock Dr in Tempe in Phoenix To set up an appointment to stop by this HUB, please **contact Shelly at 401-489-4460**.

Tempe: AZ for Abortion Access Hub located near S Kyrene Rd and W Ray Rd in Tempe. To set up an appointment to stop by this HUB, please contact **Kim at (480) 433-1898**

Mesa: AZ for Abortion Access Hub located near Baseline Rd and the 101 in Mesa. To set up an appointment to stop by this HUB, **please contact Christina at +1 (602) 510-4386**



Mesa: AZ for Abortion Access Hub located near Ray Rd and Signal Butte in Mesa. To set up an appointment to stop by this HUB, **please contact Jackie at (480)390-3456.**

New River: AZ for Abortion Access Hub located near Anthem Way and the i-17. To set up an appointment to stop by this HUB, please **contact Ruth at 623-256-2518.**

Chandler: AZ for Abortion Access Hub located near Warner Rd and Arizona Ave in Chandler. To set up an appointment to stop by this HUB, please **contact Adrienne at (239)826-0009.**

Buckeye: AZ for Abortion Access Hub located near Sun Valley Parkway and N Canyon Spring Blvd. To set up an appointment to stop by this HUB, please **contact Bill at 602-710-6192.**

Queen Creek: AZ for Abortion Access Hub located near S Ellsworth Rd and E Crewse Ln. To set up an appointment to stop by this HUB, please **contact Dawn at (202)630-6110**.

Pinetop-Lakeside: AZ for Abortion Access Hub located in Pinetop. To set up an appointment to stop by this HUB, **please contact Missa at (928)369-6735**.

Nogales: AZ for Abortion Access Hub located in Nogales. To set up an appointment to stop by this HUB, please **contact Mary at 520-223-7140**.

Please visit the following link to access updated locations: WHERE TO SIGN THE PETITION

You can easily find the nearest location using THIS INTERACTIVE MAP.

JOIN OUR VIRTUAL ABORTION POWER HOUR

Whether you are new to abortion rights advocacy or experienced on the issue, we want to invite you to join our virtual kick-off call to learn more about the issue and the ballot initiative, meet other activists, and learn more about how to take action in your community.

Secure your spot for our kick-off call on **Wednesday, May 22 at 6 pm Arizona time**! Don't miss out, register now: <u>https://bit.ly/3vOdwzT</u>



WANT TO HELP COLLECT SIGNATURES? HERE IS HOW!

To support signature collection in the state there are four steps to take:

- 1. Take the training.
- 2. Join a signature collection event or host your own.
- 3. Notarize finished petitions.
- 4. Drop off the finished petitions in authorized locations.

Important Note: You <u>MUST</u> be provided with training materials before <u>collecting signatures</u>.

1. Take the Training

<u>Arizona List</u> has weekly online training sessions for people who want to collect signatures to protect abortion access in the state. Join us by clicking the link below:

AZ LIST SIGNATURE COLLECTION TRAININGS

2. Join a Signature Collection Event or Host Your Own

Once you have been trained, there are different events and activities around the state that you can support for signature collection. Find signature collection events to volunteer in the link below:

VOLUNTEER TO COLLECT SIGNATURES

No events near you? You can also host your own signature collection event. You can:

- Set up a table or booth in your community or on your campus.
- Go door to door in your community or on your campus.
- Join advocacy events this spring and summer.

3. Notarize Finished Petitions

Once finished gathering signatures, you need to bring the petitions to be notarized. We need to notarize all finished petitions in a timely manner. Unnotarized petitions will become invalid, and the signatures on them will **NOT BE COUNTED**.

Find a notary near you: ARIZONA NOTARY LOCATOR

OR, bring your finished petitions to be notarized in the locations set up by the coalition: <u>NOTARIZE:</u> <u>ARIZONA FOR ABORTION ACCESS.</u>

4. Drop Off the Finished Petitions in Authorized Locations

Now that your petitions have been notarized, you need to drop them to an authorized location set up by the campaign. Find a location near you: *DROP OFF COMPLETE AND ALREADY NOTARIZED PETITIONS*.



MOBILIZE YOUR COMMUNITY ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Once you sign, you can encourage your connections on social media to sign too! You can use the sample posts below and <u>graphics here</u>. If you have friends who want to do more, share this toolkit with them too!

Post 1

Are you looking for ways to fight for access to abortion in Arizona? Stand up for reproductive rights in our community by signing petitions and encouraging your friends and family to do the same.

Abortion is a human right #AZforAccess! https://bit.ly/43WEJgj

Post 2

Abortion is healthcare. Abortion is a human right. Abortion access should be simple.

Because of that, we need to fight to protect the right to abortions. Help our community by signing the petition and coming to a local petition signing location. #AZforAccess

Want to learn more? Sign up here: https://bit.ly/3vXGqgQ

Post 3

Abortion is a human right. Full stop.

How can you take action? Get involved with our community and sign a petition. Need help finding a local petition signing location. I can help you. Find a place to sign here: <u>https://bit.ly/43WEJgi</u>

#AZforAccess

Post 4 Abortion is healthcare. Abortion is a human right. Abortion should be simple.

Help me fight for access to abortion and stand up for reproductive rights in Arizona by signing the petition. Want to do more? Sign up here: <u>https://bit.ly/3vXGqgQ</u>

#AZforAccess



LIVE OUTSIDE OF ARIZONA? YOU CAN STILL JOIN THE CAMPAIGN!

Even if you are not from Arizona, you can still join the fight for abortion access in the state and across the country. Here's how:

- Reach out to anyone you know in Arizona by phone or email, urging them to sign the petition.
- **Expand our supporter base** by sharing our sign-up form with like-minded individuals via WhatsApp, mass text messages, and email. Access the sign-up form <u>here</u>.
- Utilize social media to raise awareness. Share sample messages like the ones in the <u>social media</u> <u>section</u> of this toolkit, such as: "@AZforAccess is gathering signatures for an initiative to safeguard abortion access in Arizona. Arizonans should have the freedom to make healthcare decisions without governmental interference. Your support is crucial! #AZforAccess https://bit.ly/43WEJgj"
- Utilize social media to raise awareness about the ballot initiative in AZ by encouraging activists to post "From my city to yours, I stand with abortion rights. #AZforAccess"_
- Share our toolkit with your contacts in Arizona <u>https://www.amnestyusa.org/az-abortion-toolkit/</u>
- Interested in deeper involvement? Explore our <u>Fight for Abortion Rights web page</u> or contact <u>communitynetworks@aiusa.org</u>.

KEEP TALKING ABOUT ABORTION ACCESS!

You can stay involved on this important issue in so many ways. Here are just a few:

1. Talk About Abortion with Friends and Family

Talking about abortion can be challenging sometimes. Finding resources should be simple. <u>We've</u> <u>developed three discussion guides</u> for general conversations and for talking with your family and fellow students on your college campus.

Arizona Specific Messaging

- Every Arizonan should have the freedom to make our own healthcare decisions, not politicians. Without this amendment, abortion opponents will never stop pushing for a total ban. That's why we're working to amend the state constitution and protect our right to make private and personal decisions with our family and provider, free from government interference.
- The Arizona Abortion Access Act ensures abortion is regulated like any other health care procedure, while also giving Arizonans the freedom to access abortion care without government interference. It doesn't remove any medical safeguards or safety precautions for abortion care or change the requirement that abortion be provided by licensed, qualified medical professionals.
- 3. The amendment puts healthcare decisions where they belong: with patients, their families, and their health care providers. We have seen politicians in other states use lies to justify extreme bans and, without this amendment, politicians in Arizona will do the same. There are deeply personal reasons



why someone may have an abortion. Arizonans should have the right to make those decisions free from government interference.

- 4. Extreme bans rob Arizonans of the right to make the decision that is best for us. We know from patient stories here in Arizona and in other states, like Florida, Texas, and Oklahoma, that abortion bans harm pregnant patients and prevent healthcare providers from giving them the care they need. We know from their own statements that anti-abortion politicians in Arizona will keep pushing for more and more extreme bans unless we stop them with this Constitutional amendment. This measure ensures that a patient's needs, not politics, will drive medical decisions in Arizona.
- 5. This amendment puts families and doctors back in charge of pregnancy decisions, instead of politicians. It ensures that families have the freedom to make their own decisions, and it ensures parents can get their child the care they need, without government interference.
- 6. No matter how you personally feel about abortion, these deeply personal decisions should be left to patients, their families, and their providers not politicians.

2. Stay Informed About the Issue

Staying informed about the facts about abortion, both nationally and in your state, is one of the most powerful ways to combat misinformation and abortion stigma. <u>We've put together this set of resources</u> to help you understand the issue and share information with your networks.

3. Keep Organizing Actions in Your Community

There are many ways to organize for abortion rights in your own community. Local activism is just as important as statewide or national activism! <u>We've put together a list of just a few ideas to get you started</u>.

Looking for more ideas and resources? Check out AIUSA's Fight for Abortion Rights web page here.

Need support taking action? Email communitynetworks@aiusa.org for coaching and support.