### **Health Care on the Ballot:**

### **Protecting Abortion in the United States Sample Social Media**

<u>LINKS TO GRAPHICS</u> (Please feel free to include your organization's logo opposite ours)

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- More bans ≠ fewer abortions. In 2023, 1,037,000 clinician-provided abortions occurred in states without total bans, up 11% from 2020, with the number of patients traveling out of state up 9%. Patients are being forced out of state to seek health care – IF they can even afford to.
- Since the #DobbsDecision, restrictions & bans have forced many women to avoid essential, safe abortion care delivered by their trained doctor. This has led to a rise in self-managed abortions, risking lives. This fight is not over. We must protect access to reproductive care.
- Recent data shows the TX abortion ban is linked to a 13% increase in infant & newborn deaths, tied to a rise in congenital anomalies. Many parents are forced to carry a pregnancy to term, knowing their children have little to no chance of survival. It's time to demand change.
- Abortion bans force patients to travel far and wide for essential health care. In 2023 alone, 166,000 patients had to seek care out of state. That's valuable time and money spent to be away from their families, their communities, and their work.
- The number of abortion clinics in the U.S. is declining, with 5% of clinics closing between 2020-2023. We must protect access to these essential health care services and trained providers for families nationwide.
- Protecting reproductive rights is protecting health care. Data indicates 1 in 4 U.S.
  women of reproductive age will have an abortion in their lifetime, making it clear
  that abortion care is essential. Protecting these rights ensures safe, accessible
  health care for all.
- The overturning of #RoeVWade has forced women to avoid necessary health care or even travel hundreds of miles to find it. This puts countless lives at risk as doctors are unable to fully care for patients. We must fight for safe and accessible reproductive health care for all.
- Medication abortions accounted for almost two-thirds of all clinician-provided abortions in 2023. Protecting access to FDA approved medications, like mifepristone, is crucial to ensuring safe and accessible reproductive health care for everyone.

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