

TAKE ACTION: STOP THE SIX-WEEK ABORTION BAN

In early November, the U.S. House of Representatives held a hearing on **H.R. 490**, a bill that would make abortions illegal as early as six weeks into a pregnancy. H.R. 490 represents the most extreme attempt to limit access to safe and legal abortion on federal and state levels.

Let's raise our voices **NOW** to stop abortion bans.

WHAT DOES H.R. 490 DO?

Introduced by Representative Steve King (R-IA), this extreme--and **unconstitutional**--bill would severely limit access to safe and legal abortions and criminalize abortion providers. In other words, doctors who perform abortions can be sentenced up to five years in prison for conducting abortion after **six weeks**.

According to Centers for Disease Control data, only **38 percent** of abortions happen before or at the six week mark. This means that H.R. 490 would remove access to abortion before most women know that they are pregnant.

Additionally, H.R. 490 **provides no exceptions for pregnancies resulting from rape, incest, or that threaten a woman's health**. H.R. 490 not only removes the fundamental right to safe and legal abortion--it also endangers women's lives.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?



1. CALL YOUR REPRESENTATIVE



Women's activism has been especially important in our current political climate. Since November 2016, women have made **86 percent** of calls to Congress and the White House. We need to build on this momentum to demand that representatives vote "NO" on the six-week ban.

MOBILIZE
FOR
REPRODUCTIVE
JUSTICE



Call your Representative at 202-224-3121. Don't know the name of your Representative?
Check here: <https://www.house.gov/representatives/>

CALL SCRIPT

"Hello, my name is [name] and my zip code is [zip code]. I am calling to urge [name of Representative] to oppose H.R. 490--the six-week abortion ban. Abortion bans are unconstitutional, further restrict access to reproductive health care, and endanger women's lives. The time to oppose oppressive legislation that restricts women's healthcare is now. I demand that you vote "NO" on H.R. 490 and make every effort to stop this disastrous legislation."



2. EMAIL YOUR REPRESENTATIVE!



NOW's National Action Program has created a handy email template for constituents to contact their representatives and demand they vote against the six-week ban!

Click [here](http://action.now.org/p/dia/action4/common/public/?action_KEY=13116) or go to http://action.now.org/p/dia/action4/common/public/?action_KEY=13116.

The more noise we make, the more likely it is that we will stop the bans!



3. TEXT YOUR REPRESENTATIVE



Send your representative a text using Resistbot! Text "RESIST" to 50409 to send a message to your Representative. Resistbot will transmit your text as a fax to your Representative's Office.

TEXT SCRIPT

"Representative [name of representative], it has come to my attention that the U.S. House of Representatives is moving forward on H.R. 490--the six-week abortion ban. This legislation will further restrict access to reproductive health care, and that infringe upon a woman's constitutional right to bodily autonomy. The time to oppose oppressive legislation that restricts women's healthcare is now. I demand that you vote "NO" on the six-week ban."