



Planned Parenthood Advocates of Montana

Act. No matter what.

Legislative Update 2.13.23

A bill that would help secure abortion access in MT is being heard **tomorrow** and we need you to take action. There are multiple ways to engage:

- [Sign up by 5PM TODAY to provide testimony on Zoom, or submit written testimony](#)
- **Call the Legislative switchboard by 5PM at 406.444.4800** and leave a message for the House Judiciary Committee.
- Send a message to the House Judiciary Committee [via this online portal.](#)
- If you are in Helena, join us tomorrow in person - you don't have to testify to show support!

HB 432 is a “clean up” bill which would remove unconstitutional laws from Montana’s Code to ensure that Montanans can make the best healthcare decisions for themselves. HB 432 will be heard in the **House Judiciary Committee at 8AM TOMORROW, February 14th.**



We know that:

- Access to comprehensive reproductive health care, including abortion, is essential to ensuring the safety and well-being of individuals and communities in our state.
- Abortion access is not only good policy, it is broadly popular. The majority of Americans believe a pregnant person, together with their doctor and family, should be able to make their own personal choices about their

health and medical care throughout a pregnancy. Politicians should not insert themselves into these personal family decisions.

- Abortion is safe at every stage of pregnancy – far safer than pregnancy and giving birth, especially for Black and brown women.

Let's show our elected officials that Montanans care deeply about abortion access!

Public Comment Tips from Montana Human Rights Network (MHRN):

- Make your position on the bill obvious. Begin your statement by stating your name (spell out if not common), what city you live in, and that you *strongly support HB 432*. From there you can elaborate on why you are a supporter.
- If you feel overwhelmed or too busy to write something personal, you can simply say, *"I support HB 432."*
- The most powerful form of public comment is personal testimony, which can be just a few sentences!

More Legislative info can be found at the bottom of this email.

Upcoming Events



Equality Day in Helena!

Join Montana's Free and Fair Coalition, a group of LGBTQ+ rights organizations and activists, for EQUALITY DAY at the Capitol on **Monday, February 20th**. The day will start at 10am, with opportunities to learn about lobbying, talk with legislators, attend workshops, and connect with other LGBTQ+ community members and allies from across the state. Workshops include telling your personal story, queer joy, being a good ally, and more.

If you'd like a lunch provided or need help coordinating transportation, please register by 5PM on February 16th. Organizers can't guarantee that they will be able to meet all needs, but they'll sure try!

Register Here!

Charity Pint Night in Missoula!

Join PPMT and PPAMT staff at The Dram Shop Central on February 21st from 5 - 8 PM. A portion of the proceeds from every beer purchased will benefit Planned Parenthood of Montana to support honest, expert sexual and reproductive health services. Also look forward to a raffle with prizes generously donated from local businesses. Share the event page with your friends and raise a glass for reproductive rights!



Facebook Event

How to Contact Your Legislators

It's easy to contact them by phone or email, so don't be shy about sharing your thoughts with them!

- [Look up your legislators here.](#)
- Call the very friendly Capitol operators at 406.444.4800. The switchboard is open 7:30 AM to 5 PM on weekdays, and you can leave messages for up to five (5) individual legislators or one legislative committee per call.
- Send an email using contact information from the [legislative roster](#) or using the [online email form](#). The form is especially helpful when you're contacting an entire committee.
- Look up bill information: [http://laws.leg.mt.gov/legprd/law0203w\\$.startup?P_SESS=20231](http://laws.leg.mt.gov/legprd/law0203w$.startup?P_SESS=20231)
- Sign up to testify or submit testimony: <https://leg.mt.gov/public-testimony/>