

## Application for Consideration by the Democratic Party of Contra Costa County (DPCCC)

- Send applications to: [issues@contracostadems.com](mailto:issues@contracostadems.com)
- Applications may refer to resolutions or legislation.
- It is recommended that applications be submitted at least 72 hours prior to the next scheduled Issues Committee meeting. The Committee generally meets on the Monday before the first Thursday of the month.
- Please limit your application to 4 pages if possible.

### **Section I: Administrative Information**

Name or Title of Issue: *Right to Contraception Act*

Date of application: *July 29, 2022*

Name of organization or individual submitting application: *Craig Cheslog*

Contact email or phone number: *925-708-5845*

Name of person who will address the Issues Committee, as required (if different): *n/a*

Contact email or phone number: *n/a*

### **Section II: Background Information**

What is the summary of your issues' intent and impact? Include bill number if appropriate. *H.R. 8373, the Right to Contraception Act, would provide statutory protections for an individual's right to access and a health care provider's right to provide contraception and related information. Contraception refers to an action taken to prevent pregnancy, including the use of contraceptives (i.e., a device or medication used to prevent pregnancy), fertility-awareness based methods, and sterilization procedures.*

*As the bill's sponsor, Rep. Kathy Manning (NC-6) explains, "the Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe vs. Wade and Justice Thomas' concurring opinion explicitly calling for the reconsideration of the right to contraception makes it abundantly and alarmingly clear that the longstanding, constitutionally protected right to access birth control is at risk."*

If you are requesting a position on legislation, please answer Questions 2-5.

1. What legislative body is considering this legislation (Federal/House, Federal/Senate, California Assembly, California Senate, or other Local Jurisdiction?) *United States Congress*
2. Please include any companion bill numbers for legislation moving through the other house. *S. 4557*
3. What is the bill title? *Right to Contraception Act*
4. Who are the author and any co-authors of the bill? *Congresswoman Kathy Manning (NC-6) is the sponsor. The original co-sponsors were Congresswomen Nikema Williams (GA-05), Sara Jacobs (CA-53), and Angie Craig (MN-02).*
5. What position are you asking the Democratic Party of Contra Costa County to take? *Support*
6. How does this issue align with the California Democratic Party platform and/or values? If it does not currently align with the platform, please explain why it is a Democratic value that we seek to include in a future platform. Please include specific name/date of platform plank, previous legislation, or resolution. *A support position would be consistent with the CADEM Platform plank in the Women's plank that calls for, "Preserve confidential, unrestricted access to affordable, high quality, culturally sensitive health care services, including the full range of reproductive services, contraception and abortion, without requiring guardian, parental, or spousal consent or notification, or judicial intervention." It is also consistent with CADEM Resolution 22-07.111, adopted on July 10, 2022, which condemned the overturning of Roe v. Wade and the threats it creates for women and CADEM Resolution 22-07.112, adopted on July 10, 2022, which condemned the Supreme Court's abandonment of the principle of stare decisis.*
7. What are the expected outcomes of your issue for residents of Contra Costa County? Please include any reference sources that will help our committee understand the issue/history surrounding the legislation, including URLs and web links. The more our committee knows, the better we can review and analyze the issue. *Passing H.R. 8373 would provide a federal guarantee for an individual's right to access and a health care provider's right to provide contraception and related information. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas signaled that these rights could be in jeopardy in his concurring opinion in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization.*
8. What is the timeline regarding your issue? Are there any deadlines or time constraints that the committee should be aware of when considering this matter, and making recommendations to the Central Committee membership? *The House of Representatives passed HR 8373 by a 228-195 vote on July 21, 2022. The United States Senate could vote on the bill, but it is facing the threat of a filibuster.*

9. How does your issue relate to other current or proposed legislation? *This legislation is a part of several bills responding to the opinion, and Thomas concurrence, in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization.*
10. What has been the experience of your issue in previous legislative sessions and/or other states? *This is the first known effort to codify the protections for contraception.*
11. What is the fiscal impact of your issue? *The Congressional Budget Office has not provided a cost estimate as of the date of my application submission.*
12. Who are the primary proponents (including legislators) of this issue, and what resources do they bring to this effort? *The legislation passed off the floor of the House of Representatives on July 21, 2022, with 220 Democratic votes and eight Republican votes in a 228-195 majority. Reps. DeSaulnier, McNerney, Swalwell, and Thompson each voted "yea."*
13. Are there other elected officials or organizations that have signed on in support? *National Women's Law Center, NARAL Pro-Choice America, Planned Parenthood Federation of America, National Family Planning and Reproductive Health Association, Power to Decide, National Partnership for Women & Families, Reproductive Health Access Project, Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs, Catholics for Choice, National Organization for Women, National Center for Lesbian Rights, National Women's Health Network, Urge: Unite for Reproductive & Gender Equity, Jewish Women International, National Council of Jewish Women.*
14. Who are the primary opponents? (Please be Specific) What arguments are used to oppose this policy? *National Right to Life Committee, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Human Life Action.*
15. Are there other elected officials or organizations that have declined support? If so, why? *195 Republicans in the House of Representatives voted "nay" on the bill.*

### **Section III: Requested Actions in Support**

*If endorsed by DPCCC, how best can the DPCCC support this proposal? (The DPCCC Issues Committee will let you know how much support we can offer.)*

- Use DPCCC's name/logo on fact sheets, endorsee list*
- Post information on DPCCC website*
- Written/oral testimony*
- Inform Contra Costa County Elected Delegation*
- Inform Endorsed Democratic Local Elected Officials*
- Action Alerts to members*
- Letters to the editor*

- Send to CADEM Legislation Committee
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Endorsements will be shared on the DPCCC website and in other advocacy venues**

*If you have any questions, need additional assistance, or require ADA accommodations, please let us know by email at [issues@contracostadems.com](mailto:issues@contracostadems.com). You can also reach us by phone or text at (206) 619-5030. All information and communications are confidential.*

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<https://www.contracostadems.com/leadership>*

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