

### **Letter to the Editor Template**

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# [Title that names the main issue (like "abortion" or "racism" in a plain, but attention grabbing way]

Abortion bans HURT Louisiana

Dear Editor,

#### [Broad description of the problem at hand] Example:

Restrictions on access to reproductive health care are not only at odds with any attempt to try to advance equity in health care and outcomes, but they also affect the ability to deliver on any commitment to ensuring equal participation for people of all genders and to improving the health and wellness of people in our state.

## [Stats or data that proves your point. Only use embedded links for digital publications]

We have seen more and more legislative efforts to limit access to reproductive health care. <u>Just this year</u>, more than 500 abortion restrictions were introduced across 46 states. The Louisiana state legislature is now considering three different bills to try to interfere with the ability to seek or provide abortion.

# [Why the reader should care! This paragraph could feature a quote from your org's staff, too]

This is on top of the almost 10 different limitations from obstacles for young people to taking away health coverage for abortion for people who use Medicaid to withholding

the option of telehealth to provide abortion – an important service delivery method we have seen used with great success in other areas of care during the pandemic to expand access into more rural areas.

### [Why we must act, followed by specific call to action]

This undermines Louisiana's goal to ensure health equity and impedes participation in the workforce, which puts state and regional economies at risk. We could – and should – be doing more to help people get care when so many are still struggling. That is what we need lawmakers to do. All of us must contact our representatives TODAY and demand that they vote AGAINST further attacks on our bodily autonomy!

Sincerely,

[You, title, org]

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{insert boilerplate language here}