



Greetings from the AMSA Reproductive Health Project!

It is with deep sadness we share news you may have missed with all that's been happening since our last issue – early on the morning of January 20th long-time champion for abortion care and reproductive rights Cecile Richards died of brain cancer - may she rest in power. We invite you to read and share about her life and work to protect and expand reproductive freedom, and her new strategy for abortion storytelling:

- Cecile Richards Saved the Day for Us, The Nation - [Link](#)
- Cecile Richards Isn't Giving Up the Fight, Texas Observer - [Link](#)

Over the last couple of weeks there have been a flurry of announcements from the White House, including some that received strong pushback and have already been turned back, find details below. **We want to draw special attention to a few new resources from AMSA allies:**

- Know Your Rights: ACLU Guide for Health Care Providers - [Link](#)
- Increasing Access to Abortion, New ACOG Committee Statement - [Link](#)
- A Guide to US Federal Agencies and Their Impact on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights, Guttmacher Institute Fact Sheet - [Link](#)
- Keep Your Abortion Private & Secure, Digital Defense Fund - [Link](#)
- Abortion Mobile Privacy Settings Quick Guide, Digital Defense Fund - [Link](#)

We also want to highlight recent AMSA actions we invite you to explore and share:

- **AMSA's Response to President Trump's Executive Order on the United States' Withdrawal from the World Health Organization** - [Link](#)
 - **Deeper Dive:** U.S. Withdrawal from WHO Will Have Devastating Consequences for SRHR, Center for Reproductive Rights - [Link](#)
- **AMSA Leaders join over 700 health justice advocates in Washington DC at Families USA 30th annual conference - Health Action 2025!**
[See photos here](#), speakers included:
 - Sarah McBride, New U.S. Congresswoman from Delaware
 - Rushika Fernandopulle, MD, MPP, Iora Health, Former CEO and Co-founder
 - Margarida Jorge, Health Care for America Now, Executive Director
 - *and more...*

Stay tuned, more news and action opportunities coming soon!

SPOTLIGHT ON ABORTION CARE & REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE

Lifting My Voice for Right to Contraception at Virginia State House

Written by Reyna Han, AMSA Member at VCU School of Medicine Chapter

On January 16, 2025, I had the opportunity to speak in front of the Virginia House of Delegates Health and Human Services committee on behalf of the Reproductive Health Access Project in support of bill HB1716, the Right to Contraception. This bill seeks to protect an individual's right to obtain and use contraceptives under Virginia state law. After learning about the opportunity to speak in support of the bill that morning, I was hesitant at first as this is unlike anything I had done before. However, when the committee chair called for supporting comments, I realized that this was an opportunity to use my unique position of privilege as a medical student to help amplify the voices of many that do not get the opportunity to express their opinions [READ MORE](#)

RESOURCES & WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

AMSA & REPRO HEALTH PROJECT EVENTS & RESOURCES

- **Scholarships for Research Poster Presenters - Apply by Feb 15!**
Join Us at the [75th Annual AMSA Convention](#) - April 17-19 in DC! - Learn More - [Link](#)
- **Scholarships for Summer 2025 AMSA Abortion Care & Reproductive Justice Institutes**
4 Summer Session Options - Seats Limited – Apply [HERE](#) Today!
- [Apply Today!](#) AMSA National Leadership Application for 2025-2026 - OPEN NOW!
- **M3 Leadership Opportunities with AMSA Repro & HEART-IM - [Apply Here Today!](#)**
We are seeking 4 dynamic M3s to join the AMSA HEART-IM/RJ Planning Team
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- **Clinical Skills Workshops, Advocacy Training** for AMSA Chapters - [Link](#)
- **Deadline Extended for Winter 2025 AMSA Scholars Programs - [Link](#)**
- **AMSA Repro eNews - [Sign-up Today!](#)**
 - Read Current Issue - [Link](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Feb 4 Online @ 5:30-6:30pmE** - History of Planned Parenthood and Racial Justice, Part 1 - [Link](#)
- **Feb 5 Online @ 12pm-1:15pmE** - A Call for Healthy Skepticism to Improve Critical Thinking about Health Care, Georgetown Univ HAPI Seminar - [Link](#)
- **Mar 5 @ 12pmE Online** - Emerging Scholars in Family Planning Info Webinar, Society of Family Planning - [Link](#)

RECENT THOUGHT-PROVOKING FREE RECORDINGS

- **Advancing Health Equity Effectively with the Social Needs Investment Lab**, Health Begins - [Link](#)
- **Why America Is Mad As Hell About Health Care**, Lever Time Podcast - [Link](#)
- **The Evolving Role of Fatherhood**, Scholars Strategy Network - [Link](#)
 - **Deeper Dive** - Fatherhood: Supporting Healthy, Resilient, and Thriving Family Ecosystems - [Link](#)

ABORTION NEWS & RESEARCH

RESEARCH

- **Changes in Support for Advance Provision and Over-the-Counter Access to Medication Abortion**, JAMA Network - [Link](#)
- **Providing Interstate Telehealth Abortion Services to Patients in Restrictive States**, NEJM - [Link](#)
- **State Policy Trends 2024: Anti-Abortion Policymakers Redouble Attacks on Bodily Autonomy**, Guttmacher Institute Policy Analysis - [Link](#)

NEWS

- **Stricter abortion laws may cause increased infant deaths – 2 maternal and child health researchers explain the data**, The Conversation - [Link](#)
- **Governmental restrictions on abortion lead to other human rights abuses, study finds**, KU News - [Link](#)
- **The March for Life Exposed Abortion Foes' Biggest Weakness**, Slate - [Link](#)
- **Activists whose videos accused Planned Parenthood of selling fetal remains plead to felony**, Cal Matters - [Link](#)
- **The High Costs of Abortion Bans**, ACLU - [Link](#)
- **The population exodus from antiabortion states is underway and may be picking up steam**, Los Angeles Times - [Link](#)
- **Watch 'The Pitt's Two Lead Docs Get in Heated Abortion Debate in Exclusive Sneak Peek**, Parade - [Link](#)

- **Planning for the Worst in Trump's Next Term: Prepare, Don't Panic, and Don't Comply in Advance** - Amy Hagstrom Miller championed abortion rights in Texas, and she's ready for the next fight. Mother Jones - [Link](#)
- **Access to abortion medication could be in jeopardy, RFK Jr. testimony suggests:** It marks one of Kennedy's clearest public statements on abortion since being nominated to lead the nation's health department. The 19th - [Link](#)
 - **Deeper Dives:**
Trump administration urged to reverse abortion pill policies, Axios - [Link](#)
'Using the devil's own tools against them': Abortion opponents turn to environmental laws: Several states are trying to curtail abortion medication by claiming mifepristone could contaminate drinking water. Politico - [Link](#)
- **Trump's federal health website scrubs 'abortion' search results,** NPR - [Link](#)
 - **Deeper Dive:** ReproductiveRights.Gov Vanished, So We Brought It Back, the Skimm' - [Link](#)
- **Trump's Executive Order on Gender Includes an Attack on Abortion Rights,** TIME - [Link](#)
 - **Deeper Dive:** "Dystopian": Trump Issues New Order to Stamp Out Trans Youth Healthcare, Mother Jones - [Link](#)
- **Trump reinstates the 'global gag rule' on abortion,** The 19th - [Link](#)
 - **Deeper Dives:**
Trump orders ban foreign aid, rescind federal funds guidance for abortion: The executive orders follow directives from Project 2025, Colorado Newsline - [Link](#)
Maine's congressional delegation pushes to repeal anti-abortion pact reinstated by Trump, Maine Morning Star - [Link](#)

STATE ABORTION NEWS

- **California Attorney General Bonta Issues Statement on Trump Administration's Anti-Abortion Actions** - [Link](#)
- **[CA] State Responds to St. Joseph Health's Attempt to Get Emergency Abortion Lawsuit Dismissed,** Lost Coast Outpost - [Link](#)
- **[IN] Braun signs executive orders on abortion records, health care costs,** Indiana Capital Chronicle - [Link](#)
- **[LA] Letters: It's up to legislators to clarify La. abortion law,** TP-NOLA.com - [Link](#)
- **Michigan priest defrocked after making apparent Nazi salute at anti-abortion summit,** The Guardian - [Link](#)
- **[MO] House takes first steps toward putting abortion limits on ballot,** The Missourian - [Link](#)
- **[MO] How the fight over 2 major voter-approved ballot measures is playing out in Missouri,** PBS NewsHour - [Link](#)

- **[MS] House on track to, again, pass ballot initiative that would prevent voters deciding abortion issues**, Mississippi Today - [Link](#)
- **[NH] Republican lawmaker pulls 15-week abortion ban proposal**, New Hampshire Bulletin - [Link](#)
 - **Deeper Dive:** Why obstetricians find the term 'elective' highly misleading in bills limiting abortion access - [Link](#)
- **[TX] Dozens of minors – including children under 11 – left Texas for abortions in 2023: Texas' abortion ban does not include exceptions for rape or incest**, Texas Standard - [Link](#)
- **Texas' abortion ban, among the strictest in the U.S., could get even stricter**, Dallas Morning News - [Link](#)
- **[WA] An alternative: abortion pill expansion in Washington**, The Daily - [Link](#)
- **[WI] Conservative Wisconsin Supreme Court Candidate Says There's No Right to Abortion**, Truthout - [Link](#)
- **[WY] House Passes Bill Requiring Ultrasounds For Women To Get Abortion Pills**, Cowboy State Daily - [Link](#)

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**In solidarity & with AMSA love,
Jeff, Aliye, Joy, Araam & Becky**

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