

**NATIONAL NETWORK OF
ABORTION FUNDS**

Dear abortion funders,

We are in the fight of our lives.

The last few months have brought a new wave of complex and multi-layered threats to abortion access. Abortion bans passed in Kentucky, Mississippi, Ohio, Georgia, Alabama, Missouri, and Louisiana. Undocumented patients canceled abortion appointments for fear of immigration raids. People of color were prosecuted for suffering miscarriages.

And yet, I do not write to you today from a place of fear. This network is 76 abortion funds, 1,500 individual members and 40,000 supporters strong — and we were made for this moment.

Decades of building our resilience, strategizing, and learning to fiercely trust each other have primed us to fight back with clarity and unwavering strength. Abortion funds have navigated untenable political and cultural conditions for nearly 30 years, shoring up resources to offer anyone seeking abortion compassion, political education, and a healthy dose of problem-solving magic.

With every donation to the National Network of Abortion Funds, you make a political statement: that abortion access is a moral right we will never cede.

In order to realize this vision, the network is poised for drastic growth. Abortion funds have the wisdom, values, and the connections required to make reproductive justice a reality. With your support, we will continue to invest in our membership through transformative programs that strengthen regional collaboration (p. 3), drive more money to abortion funds (p. 4-5), build power and leadership in our movement (p. 2), and challenge unjust anti-choice policies (p. 6).

Abortion funds do tremendous work with what we have, but it is simply not enough. Across the network, we're still only meeting a quarter of callers' needs. Only a third of abortion funds have paid staff. The stakes are too great for us to be doing this life-saving, life-affirming work with shoestring budgets.

People calling abortion funds deserve the stability that comes from staff who can give their full attention to an evergrowing number of calls for assistance that are becoming more expensive and logistically complicated by the day. That's why, in the year ahead, the National Network of Abortion Funds is laser-focused on scaling up abortion funds with full staffing, full budgets, and the infrastructure needed to support people in accessing and managing their abortions on their own terms.

We're starting by investing \$1 million directly in abortion funds through our new Collective Power Fund.

The growth we need as a network is not just about numbers of abortions and financial stability. We know that in order to transform the lives of abortion fund callers we have to transform ourselves. That is why we are working to expand our collective knowledge through opportunities like a political education series (p. 2). We are working to make sure that the growth of abortion funds is not just blazing a trail forward but moving mindfully, in sync, with shared values and commitments to preventing and transforming any harm along the way.

The stakes are high and this moment is calling for all of us. **Together, we will win.**

In Solidarity,

Yamani Hernandez
Executive Director
National Network of Abortion Funds



POLITICAL EDUCATION SERIES

This year NNAF is hosting a network-wide political education webinar series for individual and abortion fund members. Political education is a process of collaborative learning that unites us around storytelling, shared language and analysis, and coordinated action. Collectively we're shifting the culture that shames and stigmatizes abortion by growing our knowledge and connection to each other.

Many of the topics in this series speak to NNAF's intersectional approach to developing authentic partnerships with other organizations and across issues. Building a movement means growing our "we" by showing up for others and inspiring them to take up our cause. It means we connect the dots for others about how racial, economic, environmental, ability, immigrant, and gender injustice can be measured by access to abortion. Building our movement requires us to celebrate victories, create cross movement-minded strategies, demonstrate love & compassion, and be a leading flame on the road toward liberation for all.

Webinar topics will include:



REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE 101

Reproductive justice is a framework and approach started and led by women of color, and was specifically coined by Black women from SisterSong. This session focuses on the distinctions and intersections of reproductive health, rights, and justice, and how to bring a reproductive justice analysis into our work.



THE INTERSECTIONS OF REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE AND GENDER JUSTICE

Aimed at building our understanding of the intersections of gender and reproductive justice, this session will discuss the nuances of gender and reproductive oppression, and how reproductive justice extends beyond gender binaries.



SUSTAINING OURSELVES AND BUILDING RESILIENCE IN CHALLENGING TIMES

Fighting against constant attacks on our autonomy can take a toll on our bodies, relationships, and movements. This session will focus on wellness and resilience skills to fortify our individual and collective bodies for the long haul.



DECOLONIZING ABORTION ACCESS

Decolonization requires a deliberate re-centering of indigenous worldviews in our work for reproductive and racial justice. Participants in this session will explore moving towards a culture of solidarity that practices deep, transformative responsibility to one another and the earth.



INDIGENOUS SOLIDARITY

In building a network that aims to center racial justice, we must learn to prioritize indigenous identities and work to make them more visible. Participants in this session will learn how to incorporate indigenous perspectives into their political analysis.



HAVING CONVERSATIONS ABOUT ABORTION ACCESS DURING THE HOLIDAYS

One of the biggest ways abortion rights supporters can make an impact is by voicing their support often and without judgment. During this session, abortion fund and individual members will learn and share skills around having transformative conversations about abortions with family, even when you do not agree on everything about abortion.



REDISTRIBUTING WEALTH

Fundraising is one of our core strategies to fund abortion and build power together. It is an opportunity to organize and lead our communities to resource our movement by modeling different kinds of economies. During this session, participants will learn concrete skills and strategies around redistributing wealth.

Read online: abortionfunds.org/political_education_series/

Interested in participating? Become an individual member today at abortionfunds.org/member



STRENGTHENING REGIONAL CONNECTIVITY

Abortion funds are changing the landscape of how healthcare works in this country by radically re-thinking what should happen when someone picks up the phone to access a health service.

As unending state-based restrictions continue to severely impact access to abortion, regional connectivity will be central to ensuring people seeking abortions have what they need.

Collaboration is core to a streamlined abortion funding experience. This requires protocols, secure systems, and relationships grounded in trust among abortion funds. We are working to build strong regional hubs that coordinate service delivery across states: disbursing funding, arranging travel, and engaging callers in political analysis.

In the next year, NNAF will continue to develop a regional strategy across the network through in-person and online conversations aimed at building trust and improving service delivery.

We see the immense power of regional and network-wide connectivity to foster widespread change in service delivery and in larger organizing efforts. An example of this has been at the intersection of abortion access and immigration justice.

In the early to mid-2010s, funds in Texas began sharing more with the network about how ID requirements and ICE highway checkpoints posed a barrier to undocumented callers.

The #AbortionBeyondBorders campaign, led by West Fund and Frontera Fund, called attention to how borders unfairly impact a caller's access to abortion.

Recently, the Lilith Fund fought back against a local ordinance which co-opted the immigration rights struggle for anti-abortion purposes, by declaring the town a "sanctuary city" for "unborn children".

In Florida, Broward Women's Emergency Fund joined local immigrant justice groups to organize weekly protests at the Homestead migrant child detention center, calling attention to the treatment of pregnant people in prison and the quality of life for children who are detained.

In Ohio, Women Have Options members volunteer with local immigration advocacy and aid groups, using their own efforts to draw attention and raise money for this issue.

Ideas and issues organically spread within our network, leading to insights and strategies rooted in local and regional wisdom. We are so much stronger as a network and as movements when we share knowledge and collaborate. When we build power together we are not only addressing the barriers of today but fighting for a future where our communities and legislatures celebrate and protect our autonomy. This is why we say: fund abortion; build power.

Read online: abortionfunds.org/regional_connectivity/

WE ARE MOVING \$1,000,000 TO FUND ABORTION THROUGH THE NEW COLLECTIVE POWER FUND!

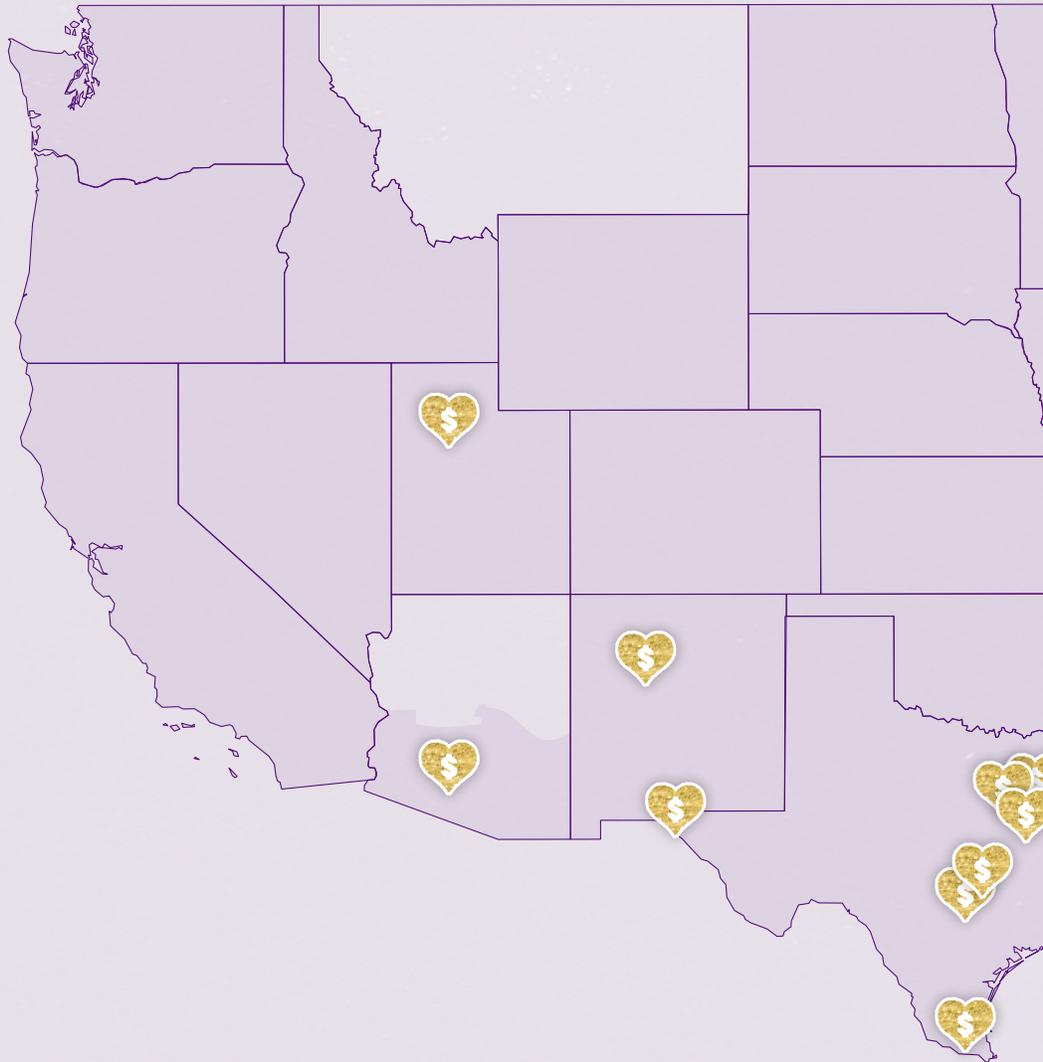
Housed at the National Network of Abortion Funds, the Collective Power Fund will distribute abortion funding to 28 member organizations across more than 20 states. Funding will be concentrated in the South and Midwest, where it's often hardest to get an abortion.

We spent the last year asking callers, abortion funds, clinics, donors and other key stakeholders how to improve NNAF's direct abortion funding strategy. As a result, we decided to merge the George Tiller Memorial Abortion Fund and Dr. Willie Parker Fund for Abortion Access in the South into the Collective Power Fund.

Collective Power is both a strategy to build a base from the ground up and an imperative to create the network and movement we need to win. It's a commitment to building power with, rather than power over.

To realize reproductive justice and abortion access for all, we need to trust the leadership of local abortion funds - they are best equipped to meet the increased demand for abortion support. They've built trusted relationships with local clinics to best meet callers' needs. They're there to drive people to appointments. Hold their hands during or after their procedures. And they know the best way to build relationships and mobilize callers to join the fight for abortion access on the city and state levels.

The Collective Power Fund is a means of redistributing wealth, power, and access to local abortion funds and the people who call them. It is a radical investment in community care. It's a \$1,000,000 commitment to building a future where all people have what they need to thrive.



Read online at:
abortionfunds.org/announcing-cpf/

THIS IS AMAZING. WE ARE SO EXCITED THAT NNAF IS SUPPORTING FUNDS IN THIS WAY AND WE ARE EXCITED TO BE ABLE TO RECEIVE THIS FUNDING TO SUPPORT OUR CALLERS!

— Kamyon Conner, Texas Equal Access Fund

WE ARE SO GRATEFUL AND FOR BEING CHOSEN THIS IS GREAT AND WILL OPEN UP OTHER

— Eloisa Lopez, Abortion Fund

THE COLLECTIVE POWER FUND SUPPORTS:

- ♥ Cost of an abortion
- ♥ Practical support services like:
 - ♥ Transportation to a clinic
 - ♥ Childcare
 - ♥ Lodging
 - ♥ Abortion doula support

THIS MONEY WILL HAVE A HUGE IMPACT ON OUR ABILITY TO SERVE OUR CALLERS' NEEDS.

— Clinic Access Support Network

With your support, we've already invested \$500,000 in the following abortion funds who comprise the inaugural Collective Power Fund recipients:

Women Have Options (Ohio)

Preterm

Chicago Abortion Fund

Gateway Women's Access Fund

Hoosier Abortion Fund

Women's Medical Fund, Inc.

Holler Health Justice

DC Abortion Fund

Women's Medical Fund (PA)

Clinic Access Support Network

Access Reproductive Care – Southeast, Inc.

Carolina Abortion Fund

Blue Ridge Abortion Fund

New Orleans Abortion Fund

Emergency Medical Assistance, Inc.

Broward Women's Emergency Fund, Inc.

Central Florida Women's Emergency Fund

Kentucky Health Justice Network

Support Your Sistah Fund – Afiya Center

Richmond Reproductive Freedom Project

Texas Equal Access Fund

Frontera Fund

Lilith Fund

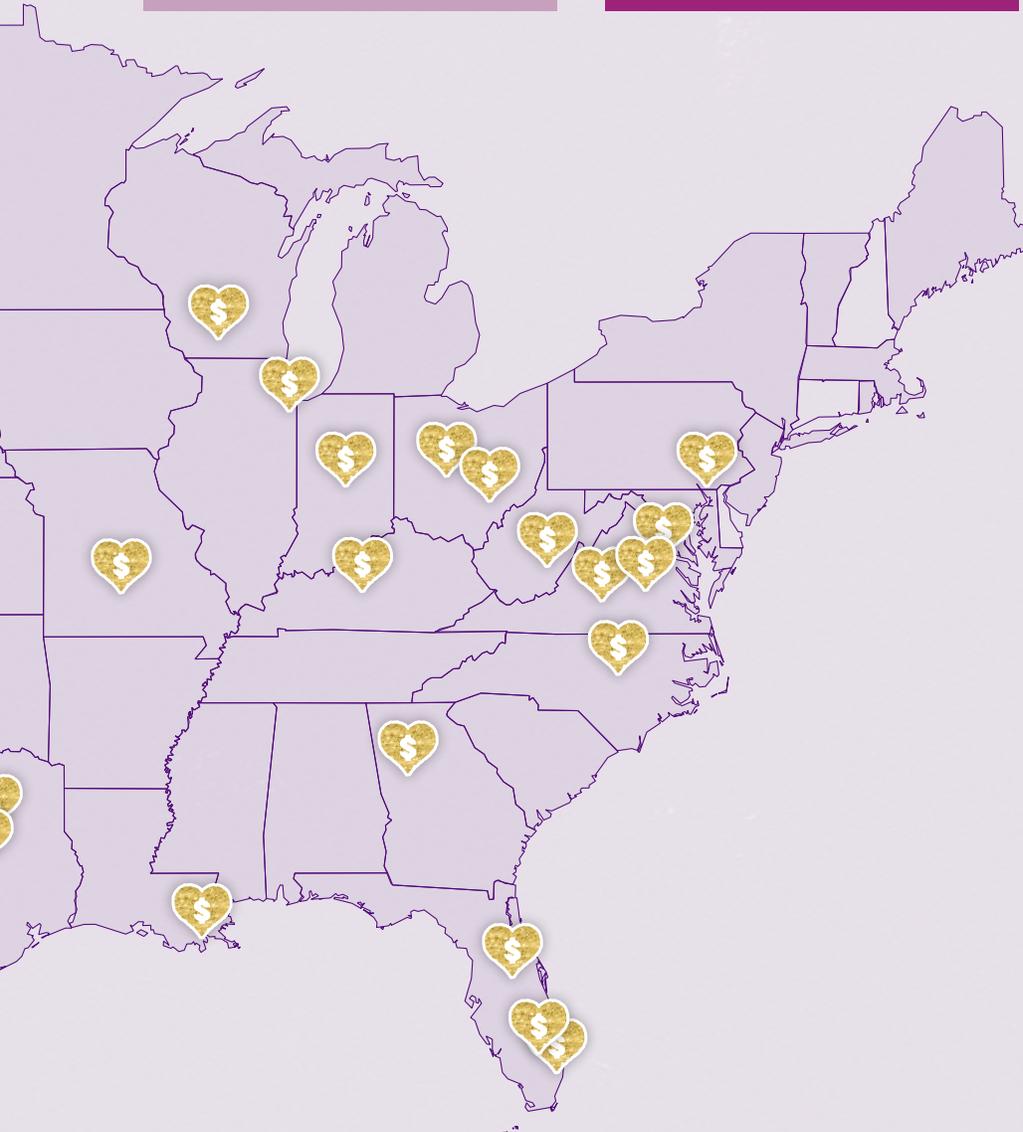
West Fund

Fund Texas Choice

Abortion Fund of Arizona

Utah Abortion Fund

Mariposa Fund



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Abortion Fund of Arizona

INDIVIDUAL MEMBER PROFILE

Name: Shireen Dada Whitaker

Home City: Sacramento

Individual Member Since: 2018

Anchor Fund: Women's Health Specialists - Women in Need Fund

Why did you become an individual member? Independent abortion funds are the backbone of this movement and I trust NNAF will lead the resistance in a post-Roe world. I worked for an independent abortion provider and fund I love dearly for years. When my location closed, I became even more dedicated to keeping the organization alive and funding abortion for pregnant people traveling hundreds of miles into and throughout California's rural north state.

Why is abortion access important to you? Abortion access is one of the most inclusive and intersectional social justice issues. Immigrants get abortions, trans men get abortions, sexual assault survivors get abortions. I want all pregnant people seeking an abortion to feel free and empowered to have one without shame or financial hardship. There's nothing worse than feeling like your body doesn't belong to you.



Become an individual member today at abortionfunds.org/member! Consider starting a monthly donation to NNAF to have your annual dues fee waived. Members have opportunities for exclusive benefits like the upcoming political education series (p. 2).

YOUTH TESTIFY ABORTION STORYTELLER TESTIFIES BEFORE CONGRESS!

In June Youth Testify leader HK Gray testified before the U.S. House Committee on the Judiciary in Washington, D.C., about the barriers she faced when seeking an abortion in Texas as a minor, including needing a judicial bypass to obtain an abortion.

At 15, Gray became pregnant and gave birth shortly after her 16th birthday. When she became pregnant again at 17, she sought an abortion but was hindered by Texas' parental consent law. With her parents unable to consent due to homelessness and incarceration, Gray sought a judicial bypass where she had to prove that she, already a parent, was mature enough to not have a second child that she could not afford.

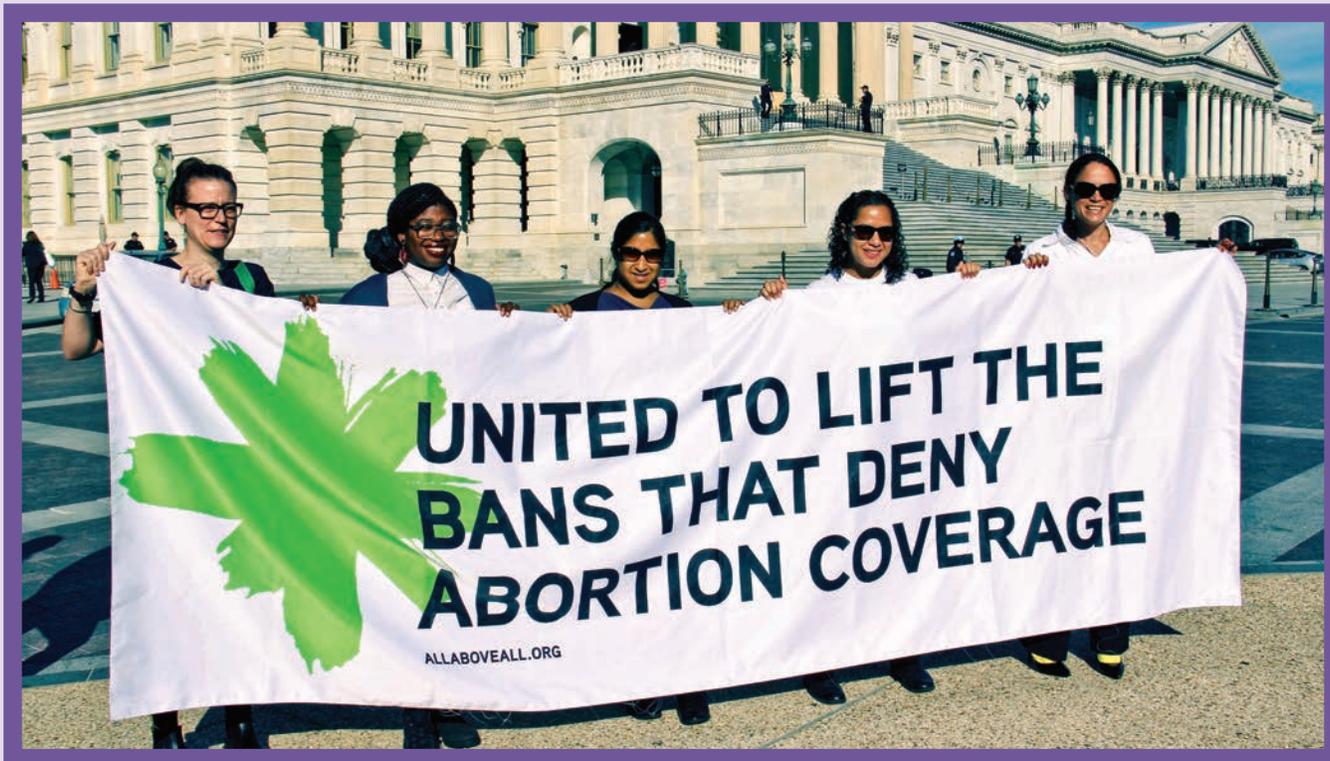
"When I tried to get an abortion, I didn't realize how hard it would be. Texas requires parental consent for anyone under 18 years old. It's not that my parents would have opposed to my decision, it's that they weren't physically able to give their consent. This was a new concept to me because it's something I didn't have to do when I had my daughter. It seemed weird



to me that I didn't need anyone's permission to become a parent, but I needed to prove to the state that, as a parent, I was mature enough to not have another child... Government restrictions on abortion hurt those of us who have fewer resources, or are people of color, or undocumented, or living with disabilities, or poor, or queer. In Texas, the state prohibits all types of health insurance from covering abortion care and we have to pay out of pocket. I couldn't afford my abortion, but thankfully a family member lent me the money."

Youth Testify is a collaborative leadership program for young people who've had abortions created by Advocates for Youth and the National Network of Abortion Funds.

Read Gray's full testimonial on our website at: abortionfunds.org/youth-testify-abortion-storyteller-testifies-before-congress/



HYDE: BACK TO BASICS

Since the inception of the Hyde Amendment it has served as a racist, classist, and oppressive barrier to reproductive healthcare. Learn more about the history and work that has been happening to end Hyde!

WHAT IS THE HYDE AMENDMENT?

The Hyde Amendment is a budgetary rider that bars the use of federal funding to pay for most abortions. The government uses Hyde to block millions of pregnant people in the United States from using their benefits to pay for abortion and coerces people to continue a pregnancy if they cannot afford the cost of their abortions out of pocket. Hyde discriminates against those eligible for Medicaid benefits, people whose healthcare comes through Indian Health Services, employees of the Federal government – including current and veteran military employees – people incarcerated in federal prisons, and anyone else who gets their insurance through federal funding.

THE FIGHT AGAINST HYDE

Ending Hyde and its oppressive power over those calling abortion funds has been a central goal of the National Network of Abortion Funds and member organizations for decades. NNAF's Executive Director, Yamani Hernandez, explains

powerfully, "We must repeal discriminatory abortion policies and demand abortion be fully covered by all health insurance, both public and private, to ensure everyone is free to decide if, when, and how to grow their families free from economic coercion." Though insurance coverage for abortion was long stigmatized as politically untouchable, abortion funds, alongside organizations led by the All* Above All coalition and political leaders like Congresswoman Barbara Lee (CA), have refused to allow the people most affected to be traded away for political gain. All* Above All unites organizations and individuals to build support for lifting the bans that deny abortion coverage, with a vision to restore public insurance coverage so that every person can get abortion care when they need it. [Learn more at allaboveall.org](https://allaboveall.org).

VICTORIES AND A TURNING TIDE

Pledging to end the Hyde Amendment is now a central requirement for progressive candidates. Because of the organizing and leadership of women of color, what was once considered untouchable is now a litmus test for 2020 candidates to prove they understand abortion access as a non-negotiable part of racial, economic, and gender justice. The organized resistance of people of color, especially those who've been touched by abortion funds, will change the tide of history and lead to the inevitable end of Hyde.

[Read online: abortionfunds.org/hyde_back_to_basics/](https://abortionfunds.org/hyde_back_to_basics/)



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STICK IT TO THE HYDE AMENDMENT

Join the movement to end the Hyde Amendment and show your commitment to hold legislative leaders accountable to all of us by picking up our fresh new “End Hyde” enamel pins. They’ll look great on your jacket, bag, or hat this fall, and make a great gift for your favorite abortion funder. Celebrate the organizing leadership of people of color to make Hyde history. Buy your pin, support abortion access, and learn more about the work of NNAF to end Hyde at bit.ly/EndHydePin

All proceeds from the sale of this pin and all items in our online shop support the National Network of Abortion Funds. When you wear your abortion-funding heart on your sleeve by picking up merch from the shop, you’re breaking down stigma and making a powerful statement: funding abortion is a revolutionary act.

