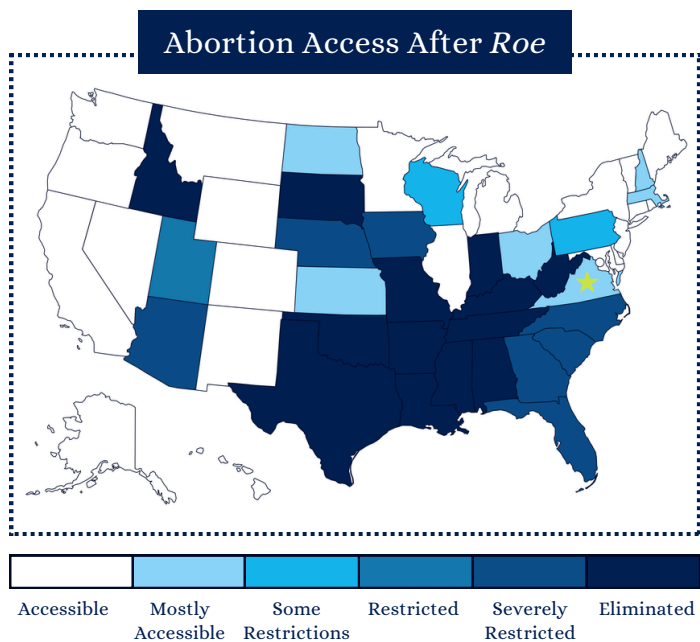


Virginians *for* Reproductive Freedom

Virginians for Reproductive Freedom (VRF) is ready and excited for this historic and consequential opportunity to introduce and pass a constitutional amendment that **leaves no one behind**.

While *Roe v Wade* granted the right to abortion, it did not ensure equitable access to care, disproportionately affecting communities of color, young people, rural residents, people with disabilities, immigrants, LGBTQ individuals, and those with low incomes.

The Supreme Court's decision to overturn *Roe* has drastically reshaped abortion access across the United States. Today, **41 states**, including Virginia, ban abortion at some point in pregnancy.



What we need in a constitutional amendment:

Expansive. Ensure access to comprehensive reproductive healthcare, including abortion, contraception, IVF, prenatal/postpartum care, and miscarriage support, surpassing the protections of *Roe*.

Inclusive. Safeguard access to reproductive healthcare for all Virginians without arbitrary restrictions that disregard individual circumstances.

Protective. Prevent the criminalization of abortion, protecting providers, individuals seeking care, and those assisting with care from prosecution.

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Virginia is - and needs to continue to be -
a critical access point for care in the South.”

Passing a constitutional amendment is a multi-year effort that requires strong public support and legislative champions:

- 1 First Legislative Passage**
The amendment must be introduced and pass with a majority vote in both the House of Delegates and State Senate.
- 2 Second Legislative Passage**
After an election, the new legislature must again pass the amendment with a majority vote in both chambers.
- 3 Public Referendum**
Once it passes the legislature twice, the amendment goes to Virginia voters in a general election. The amendment will be added to the state constitution if it receives a majority of votes.

Our freedom. Our future. Every Virginian deserves the freedom to make personal healthcare decisions without government interference. This amendment will protect our right to make choices about our bodies, healthcare, and futures—decisions that belong between individuals and their providers, out of reach from politicians.

The fight belongs to everyone. A majority of Virginians believe that personal healthcare decisions should be made by individuals, not politicians. Protecting reproductive freedom through a constitutional amendment upholds this widespread trust and ensures that these decisions remain beyond government control, securing reproductive health and rights for all Virginians, now and for future generations.



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Virginians for Reproductive Freedom (VRF) is a coalition of 17 state and national organizations that represent healthcare providers, patient advocates, and reproductive justice workers.

