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# RHA EXPOSED

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Abortions and Where?

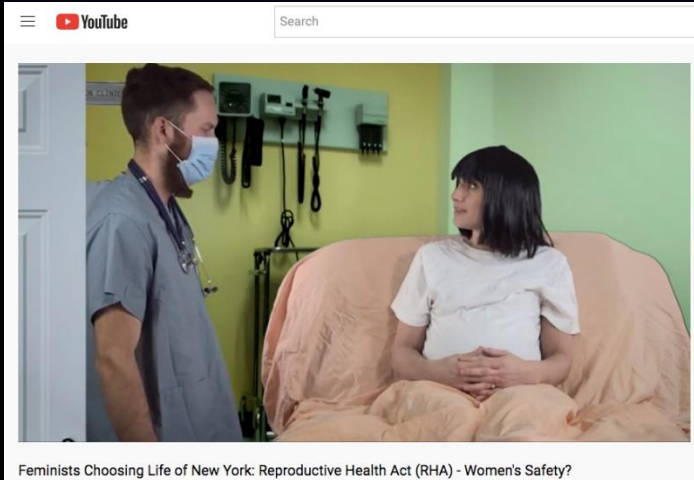
Impacts on Women

By Feminists Choosing Life of NY



## RHA EXPOSED - WATCH NOW

### Who Can Perform Later-Term Abortions?



Feminists Choosing Life of New York: Reproductive Health Act (RHA) - Women's Safety?

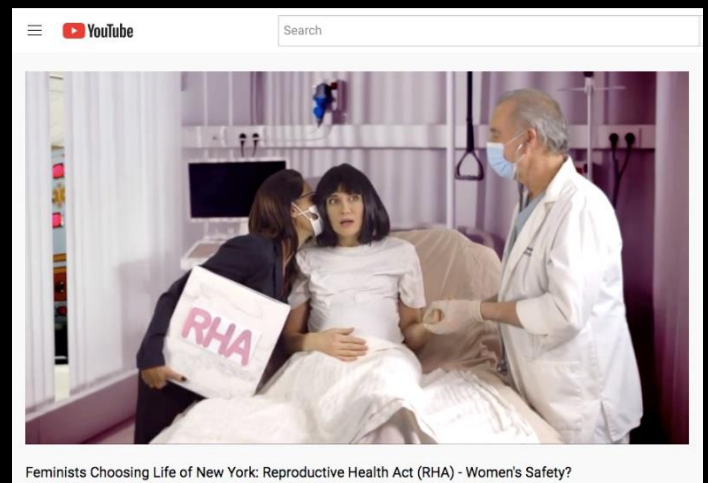
NY's Reproductive Health Act (RHA) **removed** NY's long-standing requirement that only duly licensed physicians perform abortions and that a 2nd physician be present during later-term or surgical abortions performed on fetuses 20+ weeks gestation.

The RHA neglected to define exactly who can perform abortions, including later term abortions. Under the RHA, healthcare practitioners may perform abortions, but both the RHA and the laws and regulations it generally references fail to clarify which ones; licensed nurse practitioners, midwives, physicians' assistants, pathologists' assistants?

### Where Can Later-Term Abortions Be Performed?

NY's RHA **removed** NY's long-standing requirement that 2nd and 3rd trimester abortions be performed only in hospitals, and failed to denote where abortions must occur, including later-term abortions. Other relevant NY laws and regulations governing health care procedures also fail to specifically direct where any abortion must occur, including later-term abortions.

States can also require abortion clinics that provide later-term abortions to be accredited or licensed and undergo annual or random state health department inspections, and many states do. NY does not. NY legislators have introduced numerous abortion clinic inspection bills throughout the years, with no success.



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## Are Less Abortion Guidelines Safer For Women?

### Abortion Complication Rates

Oregon, which has abortion policies similar to NY, **has more than double the averaged abortion complication rate** (36.68) than all states (15.76) required to track, report, and that also publish abortion complication rates, with more abortion guidelines than Oregon and NY.

The majority of these states have nearly five times less abortion complications than Oregon. Some examples include Pennsylvania (7.44), Michigan (2.76) and Arizona (2.41). NY neglects to publish any categorized data on abortion complications. Oregon is the only state with 'liberal' or few abortion guidelines required to track, report, and that also publishes abortion complication data.

[Learn More by Reading the Full Report Here](#)

*\*If any research and analysis above contains known flaws, please provide Feminists Choosing Life of New York (FCLNY) with additional and/or opposing data. FCLNY is interested in accurately educating on abortion policy in NY and elsewhere.*



*FCLNY joins with our allies, including Live Action*  
**"in calling for a federal investigation into the deaths" of the five children "recently recovered from a D.C. late-term abortion facility."**

**Marjorie Dannenfelser of the SBA List says it best:**

I think often of abolitionist hero William Wilberforce's famous words about the slave trade: "You may choose to look the other way but you can never again say you did not know." It is disturbing to see [photos of the victims](#) and imagine what they went through, but I invite you to do so if you can as a stark reminder of why we fight. Their undeniable humanity underscores the horror of our extreme abortion laws, the stakes of the upcoming Dobbs decision, and why we must win.

*Read more about these 5 babies here:*

## **'Unsparring Investigation': Top Pro-Life Group Reacts After Baby Bodies Recovered In D.C.**

By Mary Margaret Olohan



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## **NY Legislative Advocacy Needed**

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Only days ago, the NY Assembly passed and delivered to the NY Senate, A5499. A similar bill, S470, is lodged in the Women's Issues Committee of the NY Senate.

*S470/A5499 claims it will help NY better understand and address the unmet health and resource needs of pregnant women in NY, yet it calls for an extremely limited examination of an extremely limited category of organizations that interface with pregnant women.*

**Please reach out to the following key NY Senators.**

Daphne Jordan [jordan@nysenate.gov](mailto:jordan@nysenate.gov)

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Please let them know:

We appreciate their position on **LIFE**.

We need them to defeat or amend this bill, on behalf of their constituents, and women and children across our great state.

- This bill is discriminatory as written, considering it targets ONLY non-abortion related pregnancy resource centers.
- The bill's impacts are potentially harmful to pregnant women, considering its likely to deprive rather than increase necessary resources for pregnant women.
- Pregnant NY women face DIVERSE & BROAD unmet health and resource needs!
- Pregnant women deserve more resources, not less!

### **Limited Service Pregnancy Centers: Examining The Unmet Health and Resource Needs of Pregnant Women** [S470/](#) [A5499](#)

These bills call for a study of only "limited service pregnancy centers" (organizations which provide resources to pregnant women-excluding abortion services or abortion related referrals) in order to examine the unmet health and resource needs of pregnant women in NY.

The bills aim to examine the impacts of only non-abortion related pregnancy centers, and excludes examining the impacts of women's health or resource centers that provide abortion or abortion referrals, including whether these centers provide accurate, non-coercive information regarding abortion or any information concerning abortion alternatives.

Unlike the majority of states, NY does not have abortion related 'informed consent laws' which require, among other things, that women receive information regarding life-affirming resources for themselves and their unborn children. Georgia, for example, requires abortion providers to have materials available that "list agencies that provide alternatives to abortion," in addition to information concerning fetal development.

*Health care providers in NY that include abortion services, offer little to no resources to pregnant women regarding abortion alternatives, including information and referrals to material supports to help poor women bring pregnancies to term.*

***If the NY Legislature truly wishes to understand the unmet health and resource needs of pregnant women in NY, as it should, the study proposed by S470/A5499 should examine the impact of a BROAD RANGE of providers of pregnancy related women's services, in NY, including those that provide abortion services and referrals, such as Planned Parenthood.***

**UPDATE**



[Read CNN Article](#)

[Read ABC News Article](#)

**If you have a Citibank Account or Credit Card please consider cancelling your account and card. Here's why!**

Citigroup, headquartered in NYC, recently announced a new policy that will cover **"employees' expenses when traveling to seek an abortion, including plane tickets and hotels."**

According to CNN, **"Citi is among the first mega-corporations to add travel expenses to their suite of reproductive health benefits."**

This clearly saves Citibank money in the long run, and represents an expression of their commitment to abortion.

FCLNY SUPPORTERS ARE WELCOME JOIN  
US  
FOR A SPECIAL EVENT HOSTED  
BY THE MARGARET HOME



MOTHER ♥ DAUGHTER  
SISTER ♥ FRIEND  
EVENT BENEFITTING

The Margaret Home provides pregnant women in need with access to a caring and self-sustaining home environment along with training, employable & entrepreneurial skills.



Let's honor the women who love us  
unconditionally!

FCLNY will be sponsoring the event and we encourage local friends in Rochester to have a seat at our table!

JOIN US FOR A BRUNCH, AN AUCTION, AND  
ENTERTAINMENT

OPEN TO THE WOMEN IN OUR COMMUNITY AND THE  
MEN THAT SUPPORT THEM

**Mother, Daughter, Sister, Friend, Event  
Benefitting**

May 15, 2022

12:00 PM

Monroe Country Golf Club

May 15th | 12:00pm | Monroe County  
Golf Club



If any members of FCLNY would like to  
attend this event, please  
contact [jessicashanahan@icloud.com](mailto:jessicashanahan@icloud.com) to  
RSVP a spot at FCLNY's table.

[More Event Information](#)

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