Guide to Special Session

How to Get Involved & Make Your Voice Heard

WHAT TO EXPECT

The Legislature will reconvene on July 25th to discuss an abortion ban. No draft or final legislation has been offered to the public—Republicans are reportedly still discussing whether or not to include exceptions for rape, incest and life/health of the mother. Special session must end by August 14th. The bill will go through the normal legislative process, though it's unclear which committee the bill will be assigned to or if they will take unlimited testimony.

HOW TO ADVOCATE

- **Call your local Republican lawmakers**
  - Call your Republican senator and representative and tell them to support abortion access. If you're unsure who they are, go to iga.in.gov/legislative/find-legislators to find out.
- **Call or email President of the Senate, Senator Bray and Speaker of the House, Speaker Huston**
  - Senator Bray and Speaker Huston will be in control of the bill's progress through the Legislature. Contact them and let them know you support access to abortion.
    - Senator Bray: senator.bray@iga.in.gov, 317-232-9400
    - Speaker Huston: todd.huston@iga.in.gov, 317-232-9677
  - When you call and email, make sure to mention that you are a constituent.
  - SPECIFIC ASKS
    - Demand that abortion access stand.
    - Demand that they take unlimited public testimony in committee.
- **Tell your story**
  - Indiana Senate Democrats would also love to hear your stories. If you feel comfortable sharing an experience, email senatedems@iga.in.gov. We plan to read Hoosiers' stories and testimonies on the floor—if you aren't comfortable with that, but would still like to share, please let us know. All names and personal information given to us will be changed to protect your anonymity.
  - Testify! Come to committee and tell the supermajority in person why this matters so much to every single one of us.
  - If you or your loved one has a personal story they are willing to share, they can be powerful. If you're comfortable sharing it with your legislator, set a meeting or make contact.
- **Fill the Statehouse**
  - Show up to the Statehouse in person if you're able! Putting bodies in the room helps legislators understand just how important this is for so many people.
  - Follow us to receive updates as we get more details on times and dates for hearings and bill milestones. If you can't come to testify, come to watch debate in second and third reading. The more people we have in there at any given time, the better
- **Get ready for the long haul**
  - The fight for reproductive health, abortion and privacy is ongoing, and will extend beyond this special session. If this battle does not end in our favor, get ready to keep chipping away at the issue. Find friends, connect with an organization and donate. This is going to be a marathon, not a sprint, and our caucus will be with you every step of the way.