

2023

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VIRGINIA

# LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD

**Pro-Reproductive Freedom Senators: 21**

**Pro-Reproductive Freedom Delegates: 48**

**Bills Scored: 20+**



# Dear Reproductive Freedom Supporters,

This time last year, we were grappling with and preparing for a world without Roe and what that would mean for millions of people across our country who could become pregnant. Now we know. We entered 2023 with the harsh reality that it was the first year and legislative session without federal protections for the right to abortion. Despite the chaos and devastation wreaked by this harmful Supreme Court decision, we fought on in Richmond to ensure abortion remains legal and accessible here at home. There is so much at stake for Virginians and those who need refuge in our borders for reproductive healthcare. We cannot and will not back down.

It is my privilege to unveil our 2023 Reproductive Freedom Scorecard. It reflects our values and determination to ensure that the right and access to abortion and contraception are paramount to our bodily autonomy and freedom. This scorecard informs you where your delegate and state senator stand on the essential right to decide if, when, how, and with whom to start or grow our families. In this pivotal General Assembly election year, it can and should be used to inform your vote this November.

During the 2023 legislative session, we tested the waters by introducing a Constitutional Amendment for Reproductive Freedom for the first time. I am proud to report that it passed the Senate! Furthermore, House Democrats successfully used an obscure procedure to force a floor vote on the amendment. See the votes and more details inside!

We also successfully passed the Contraceptive Equity Act in the Senate, but unfortunately, House Republicans chose to bury it in subcommittee... twice! When support for the expansion of access to contraception is thwarted and seen as political, and not as a right, the intention of anti-abortion extremists is made abundantly clear. This is why we must continue our work to protect bodily autonomy. I know we can do it!

Together we can and must protect and expand Reproductive Freedom in the Commonwealth. It is imperative that we flip the House of Delegates and secure the state Senate with Reproductive Freedom majorities, so we have a firewall to legislative attacks and can advance a proactive agenda that improves access to reproductive healthcare for all Virginians.

As part of the 79% of Virginians who do not want politicians interfering in their healthcare decisions and do not want abortion rights and access rolled back, it is our job to hold elected officials accountable. Our state-based work is more important than ever. With more states moving to ban or severely limit abortion, Virginia must remain a safe haven, especially for people and communities whose access to healthcare is already limited. Reproductive Freedom is hanging by ONE VOTE in the General Assembly, but we know what it takes to ensure reproductive freedom is a true reality in the Commonwealth. We remain committed to this fight.

**Forward together,  
Tarina Keene  
Executive Director**





# BILLS SCORED AND DESCRIPTIONS

## ANTI-ABORTION BILLS

### Personhood Bills

(Senator Obenshain, SB 1225 + Delegate Bell HB 1954)- Establishes personhood rights for the fetus and would have further criminalized abortion by making any person who "kills the fetus of another intentionally or accidentally guilty of voluntary manslaughter."

### Interference in Family Medical Decisions

(Delegate Freitas, HB 1795)- Allows politicians to directly interfere in the doctor-patient relationship by forcing medical providers to apply a one-size-fits-all approach to their pregnant patients and interfering in families end of life decisions.

### Mandated, Biased Counseling for Pregnant People

(Delegate Greenhalgh, HB 2270)- Requires abortion providers give their patients state-mandated biased, stigmatizing, medically inaccurate information about abortion and obtain "informed consent."

### State-Sponsored Website for Anti-Abortion Fake Clinics

(Delegate Durant, HB 2476)- Creates a state-funded website to highlight Crisis Pregnancy Centers, also referred to as anti-abortion "fake clinics," in an effort to deter people from abortion.

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## ANTI-TRANS BILLS

### Gender-Affirming Care Bans

(Senator Peake, SB 960 + Senator Chase, SB 791) Would ban gender-affirming healthcare for transgender and nonbinary youth.

### Transgender Athlete Bans

(Senator Peake, SB 962 + Delegate Greenhalgh, HB 1387 + SB 1186) Would ban Trans athletes from playing on the school sports teams that align with their gender identity, effectively banning them from school sports entirely.

### Forced Outing

(Delegate LaRock, HB2432) Requires public school personnel to contact a student's parent if they believe that the student's self-identified gender does not align with their "biological sex".



# BILLS SCORED AND DESCRIPTIONS

Dozens of bills were filed this year regarding abortion, reproductive freedom, and bodily autonomy, including attacks on Trans communities. More than 20 of these bills were voted on either in subcommittees, committees, or full floor votes. Legislators were scored based on their votes on the following bills:

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## PROACTIVE BILLS

### **Constitutional Amendment for Reproductive Freedom**

(Senator McClellan, SJ 255 + Delegate Herring, HJ 519)- Establishes the fundamental right to reproductive freedom, including abortion care, without interference and would protect providers and pregnant people from criminalization. We also factored in a House Floor vote on a motion to "Pass by" or vote against HR 323, the rule change forcing a floor vote on the Const. Amendment for Reproductive Freedom.

### **Contraceptive Equity Act**

(Senator Hashmi, SB 1112 + Delegate Mundon King HB 2089)- Addresses cost barriers to contraceptive access and equity by eliminating burdensome co-pays, cost-sharing, reimbursement requirements, and coverage delays.

### **Menstrual Tracking Data Privacy**

(Senator Favola, SB 852)- Protects the privacy and confidentiality of individuals' menstrual health information by prohibiting search warrants for any digital device containing information related to menstrual health.

### **Shield Law with Data Privacy Protections**

(Senator Surovell, SB 1243)- Protects the privacy and autonomy of individuals seeking reproductive and sexual health care, including abortion, by prohibiting extradition for provision of and assistance with standard reproductive health services, when these services are legally provided in Virginia. It also includes protections against the unauthorized sharing of sensitive reproductive health data.

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## ABORTION BANS

### **Total Abortion Ban**

(Senator Hackworth, SB 1284)- Establishes "life begins at conception" and banned abortion outright.

### **15-Week Abortion Ban**

(Senator Newman, SB 1385)- Criminalizes abortion providers by outlawing abortion after 15 weeks gestation.

### **Viability Abortion Ban**

(Senator Dunnavant, SB 1483)- Bans abortion at 24 weeks except for the life of the pregnant person.

# SCORING CRITERIA

The criteria for our scoring continues to evolve. This year, we based the scores **solely on how legislators voted on bills and if they patroned/co-patroned tracked legislation**. We took into account only the votes and added or subtracted points based on if legislators sponsored one of the tracked bills.

Our goal this year is to let legislators' votes on bills regarding abortion rights, bodily autonomy, and reproductive freedom speak for themselves.

We recognize it is more important than ever that our legislative allies not only vote in support of proactive legislation and against anti-abortion attacks but also use their platforms to speak up boldly for reproductive freedom.



Legislators with the megaphone sticker use their platform to be loudly and proudly pro-abortion and/or pro-Trans rights, whether in floor speeches, on social media, at events, etc.



Legislators with the equality sticker use inclusive, non-stigmatizing language when speaking out about reproductive freedom. It is necessary that leaders in our movement work against transphobia and strive to be radically inclusive- that means using inclusive, non-gendered language when speaking about abortion care.

## SCORING

### Grade/Designation

### Description

#### A+ - Champion

A legislator who supports our legislative agenda, **patrons or co-patrons proactive bills** protecting access to abortion and reproductive healthcare and votes against every attack on reproductive freedom.

#### A - Leader

A legislator who votes in favor of abortion and other reproductive healthcare services, but they did not patron/co-patron RRVA's proactive reproductive freedom bills.

*\*Legislators marked with \* had one "bad" vote but supported proactive legislation as a co-sponsor.*

#### B - Ally

A legislator who mostly votes in favor of abortion and other reproductive healthcare services but not all of their votes are consistent with RRVA's values. They also did not patron/co-patron proactive reproductive freedom bills.

#### C - Challenger

A legislator who opposes the right to abortion consistently with their votes, but may sometimes choose to support other reproductive freedom and/or bodily autonomy initiatives. They did not sponsor/co-sponsor any bills regarding reproductive health and freedom.

#### D - Opponent





A legislator who consistently votes for and may **co-patron attacks** on abortion and bodily autonomy, but also might rarely support bipartisan proactive reproductive freedom measures.

#### F - Extremist

A legislator who **patrons** anti-abortion, anti-trans, or anti-reproductive freedom legislation and always votes against RRVA's proactive legislative agenda.

# SENATE SCORES

## A+ Champions

George Barker	 A+
John Bell	A+
Jennifer Boysko	  A+
Creigh Deeds	A+
Adam Ebbin	A+
John Edwards	A+
Barbara Favola	 A+
Ghazala Hashmi	 A+
Janet Howell	 A+
Mamie Locke	 A+

Louise Lucas	 A+
David Marsden	A+
Monty Mason	A+
Jennifer McClellan	  A+
Jeremy McPike	  A+
Aaron Rouse	 A+
Richard Saslaw	 A+
Lionell Spruill	A+
Scott Surovell	 A+

## A Leaders

Lynwood Lewis A

Chap Petersen A

## C-D Challengers & Opponents

Joe Morrissey	C
Jill Vogel	C
John Cosgrove	D
Bill DeSteph	D
Emmett Hanger	D
Ryan McDougle	D

Thomas Norment	D
Todd Pillion	D
Frank Ruff	D
William Stanley	D
Richard Stuart	D
David Sutterlein	D

## F Extremists

Amanda Chase	F
Siobhan Dunnavant	F
Travis Hackworth	F
Stephen Newman	F

Mark Obenshain	F
Mark Peake	F
Bryce Reeves	F

# DELEGATE SCORES

## A+ Champions

Dawn Adams	A+
Elizabeth Bennett-Parker	A+
Jeff Bourne	A+
Betsy Carr	A+
Nadarius Clark	A+
Eileen Filler-Corn	A+
Jackie Glass	A+
Wendy Gooditis	A+
Elizabeth Guzman	A+
Dan Helmer	A+
Charniele Herring	A+

Patrick Hope	A+
Sally Hudson	A+
Clinton Jenkins	A+
Kaye Kory	A+
Alfonso Lopez	A+
Michelle Maldonado	A+
Delores McQuinn	A+
Candi MundonKing	A+
Ken Plum	A+
Marcia Price	A+
Sam Rasoul	A+

Don Scott	A+
Holly Seibold	A+
Irene Shin	A+
Marcus Simon	A+
Shelly Simonds	A+
Richard Sullivan	A+
Kathy Tran	A+
Vivian Watts	A+
Rodney Willett	A+
Angelia Williams Graves	A+

## A-B Leaders & Allies

Lamont Bagby	A
Kelly Convirs-Fowler*	A
Cliff Hayes	A
Paul Krizek	A
Michael Mullin	A
Kathleen Murphy*	A

David Reid	A
Briana Sewell	A
Mark Sickles	A
Suhas Subramanyam*	A
Luke Torian	A

Schuyler VanValkenburg	A
Jeion Ward	A
David Bulova	B
Karrie Delaney**	B
Danica Roem	B

## D Opponents

Les Adams	D
Timothy Anderson	D
Terry Austin	D
John Avoli	D
Amanda Batten	D
Emily Brewer	D
Robert Bloxom	D
Ellen Campbell	D
Jeffrey Campbell	D
Mike Cherry	D
A.C. Cordoza	D
Carrie Coyner	D
Glenn Davis	D
James Edmunds	D

Matthew Fariss	D
Buddy Fowler	D
Todd Gilbert	D
Christopher Head	D
Keith Hodges	D
Terry Kilgore	D
Barry Knight	D
Jay Leftwich	D
Daniel Marshall	D
Joseph McNamara	D
James Morefield	D
Israel O'Quinn	D
Robert Orrock	D
Margaret Ransone	D

Roxann Robinson	D
Phillip Scott	D
Anne Tata	D
Kim Taylor	D
Otto Wachsmann	D
Wendell Walker	D
William Wampler	D
Lee Ware	D
Michael Webert	D
Bill Wiley	D
Wren Williams	D
Tony Wilt	D
Thomas Wright	D
Scott Wyatt	D

## F Extremists

Jason Ballard	F
Robert Bell	F
Kathy Byron	F
Tara Durant	F

Nick Freitas	F
Karen Greenhalgh	F
Dave LaRock	F

Marie March	F
John McGuire	F
Chris Runion	F



## REPRO ON THE RECORD

In the years since the COVID-19 outbreak, the General Assembly moved to a hybrid model for receiving testimony, accepting both in-person and virtual testimony on bills. Because of this, we launched our REPRO on the Record program to help people write and share their testimony. This program aims to create a supportive network and a safe space for people to be able to share their stories with each other and potentially with legislators or the media.

## LEGISLATIVE RAPID RESPONSE TEAM

Our Legislative Rapid Response Team (LRRT) consists of volunteers who are interested in closely following the General Assembly Session and taking action to fight anti-reproductive freedom bills as well as lobby for proactive legislation. This year, we had our highest number of LRRT members! You can find more information about our LRRT on our website or social media.

### 2023 LRRT successes:

- The LRRT team grew from 205 to almost 1200 members
- 1173 emails sent to legislators
- 15 people testified in committee hearings (both virtual and in-person)
- 30 pieces of written testimony submitted
- 5 Tweet & Teas held
- 1 Testimony Writing Party hosted



# THE NEXT FRONTIER - PROACTIVE LEGISLATION TO ADVANCE REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM

Without the protections of Roe, our basic human rights are in jeopardy. This legislative session, we fought hard to put Virginia on the map as a state that is committed to advancing reproductive freedom for the long haul, even in the face of targeted attacks. We worked with our fearless legislative champions in both chambers to introduce Virginia's inaugural version of a Constitutional Amendment for Reproductive Freedom (SJ255/HJ519), which would establish in Virginia's Constitution a fundamental right to reproductive freedom, including abortion, without interference, as well as the right to make decisions about all matters related to pregnancy without discrimination.

The Contraceptive Equity Act (SB1112/HB2089) is another proactive priority bill RRVA is prioritizing in the face of continued threats to our bodily autonomy. This bill addresses cost barriers to contraceptive access by eliminating burdensome co-pays, cost-sharing, reimbursement requirements and coverage delays. The bill passed the Senate (26-13) with bi-partisan support, but was killed by House Republicans. It exposed the hypocrisy of lawmakers who are making it their business to push abortion healthcare out of reach, but not taking action to ensure that contraceptive healthcare is available for all Virginians. This contradiction, along with the Youngkin Administration's denouncement of a Menstrual Tracking Data Privacy bill (SB 852) that would prevent police from issuing search warrants for private, menstrual health data on tracking apps, caught the attention of the White House, which spoke out to rebuke Governor Youngkins' concerted efforts to restrict bodily autonomy.

While all three of these proactive measures were defeated this year, we will be back in 2024. We are determined to advance and pass these and more reproductive freedom policies - no matter how long it takes.



# MEET OUR NEW POLICY + POLITICAL TEAM



## LEXI WHITE

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Lexi White is a Reproductive Justice advocate and policy strategist who is passionate about intersectional movement-building, policy change and reflective democracy. Lexi has vast experience advancing policy, advocacy, and movement-building strategies at the intersections of racial and gender justice in the state, local, and federal policy landscapes and is working to build support in the Virginia General Assembly and wider political landscape to protect and expand access to the full range of reproductive healthcare and to enshrine the right to Reproductive Freedom in the Virginia Constitution.



## HANNAH SERVEDIO

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Hannah Servedio is an organizer, relationship builder, political strategist, and abortion access enthusiast. For most of her career, she's been on the front lines and in communities, listening to what's needed on the ground and working collectively to offer resources, messaging, and technical support to make it happen. In the face of rapidly declining legality and access to care, Hannah is ecstatic about bringing her expertise to the REPRO Rising team and determined to make bold, reimagined moves in the critical fight to elect champions for reproductive freedom to the Virginia legislature.

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