



NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY

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The Honorable Wendy Davis
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Dear Senator Davis:

As women legislators in the New York State Assembly, we are pleased to be joined by our Speaker, Sheldon Silver, in applauding your courageous and principled stand in support of the rights of women. You gave women a triumphant voice during a critical debate when you stopped a bill that would have given Texas one of the most restrictive reproductive health laws in the country. Thanks to your efforts, a woman's freedom of choice was protected in Texas. This is a victory not only for the women of Texas but for women nationwide.

In light of the extreme proposals against reproductive health and women's rights across the nation, it is more important than ever to join together and stand up for a woman's right to make her own decisions about her health. We stand with you and the thousands of women who joined you in the Texas Senate chamber and on line to support your efforts.

In Albany we will continue our work to safeguard the rights of women in New York. We have been long time advocates and supporters of the Women's Equality Act. We too want to ensure equal protection under the law for all women.

Sincerely,

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