

Madam Chair and Committee Members:

My name is Deborah Herman Juda. I am a registered nurse and a women's health nurse practitioner. I have worked in abortion care since 2008, and became an abortion provider in August, after *Doe vs. Minnesota* ruled it unconstitutional to prohibit nurse-midwives and nurse-practitioners from providing abortion care. I'm now employed by Just the Pill, a non-profit tele-medication abortion provider with mobile clinical services. My current medical practice is a direct result of legal progress. This is why I'm asking you to support the Reproductive Freedom Defense Act (RFDA).

The Reproductive Freedom Defense Act (RFDA) provides essential protection for my Minnesota patients but more so my patients from beyond Minnesota. My patients from Iowa, Wisconsin, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota. My patients from Florida and Texas. I have helped people from across this nation access reproductive healthcare in Minnesota. My patients are traveling here from states that no longer protect their reproductive freedom or bodily autonomy. The Reproductive Freedom Defense Act (RFDA) ensures that Minnesota will protect them.

RFDA will protect my patient's health records from out-of-state subpoenas and court orders. RFDA also protects my patients from vigilante Texas-style laws prosecuting citizens who help their friends and neighbors access abortion care. And RFDA protects my colleagues and I from extradition to states where abortion is now illegal. The Reproductive Freedom Defense Act (RFDA) provides Minnesota's healthcare providers, citizens, and visitors with essential protection against legal attacks and criminal penalties imposed by anti-abortion extremists in other states. This bill matters to me, and my colleagues, and the patients we're caring for each day. We need for Minnesota to protect us right now so PLEASE support the Reproductive Freedom Defense Act (RFDA).

Thank you,  
Devorah Herman Juda