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2021 IMPACT REPORT



Thanks to the commitment of its dedicated supporters, Personal PAC advanced its mission this year through the passage of the Youth Health and Safety Act, which repealed Illinois' dangerous Parental Notice of Abortion (PNA) Law, making Illinois a national reproductive healthcare leader. Our celebration was short as we immediately turned our focus to the once-in-a-decade 2022 elections. This election will determine the future of choice through the next decade. We cannot win this fight alone. Thank you for your partnership.

OUR VICTORIES

The Repeal of Illinois' Parental Notice of Abortion (PNA) Law

During October's veto session, the General Assembly passed the Youth Health and Safety Act! Thanks to the hard work of our pro-choice champions in Springfield, the Personal PAC Board of Directors, and supporters like you, we finally repealed Illinois' dangerous PNA law. Illinois is now on the path to becoming the 14th state without dangerous mandated parental involvement laws, which put the health and lives of young people at risk every single day. Illinois is the only state to have legislatively restored Medicaid funding for abortion, and now we are the only state to repeal a parental involvement law.

Personal PAC's ability to win legislatively is thanks to your support. Your gifts are used to strategically target, educate, and inspire pro-choice voters to then support candidates who will work to pass the legislation we need to keep our state 100% pro-choice – like HB 40, the Reproductive Health Act (RHA), and the Youth Health and Safety Act.

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THE CHALLENGE

Trump's Supreme Court & The Future of Illinois' Supreme Court

The U.S. Supreme Court has a solid 6-3 radical anti-choice majority, and the justices have demonstrated their commitment to ending federal protection for the right to abortion access. We have already seen this with their decision to not block Texas' S.B. 8, the most restrictive abortion ban in U.S. history, from going into effect. The anti-choice Court also heard arguments in the case of *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* and laid bare their intention to uphold the law. This decision will allow states to outlaw abortion, thereby reversing the Court's longstanding precedent.

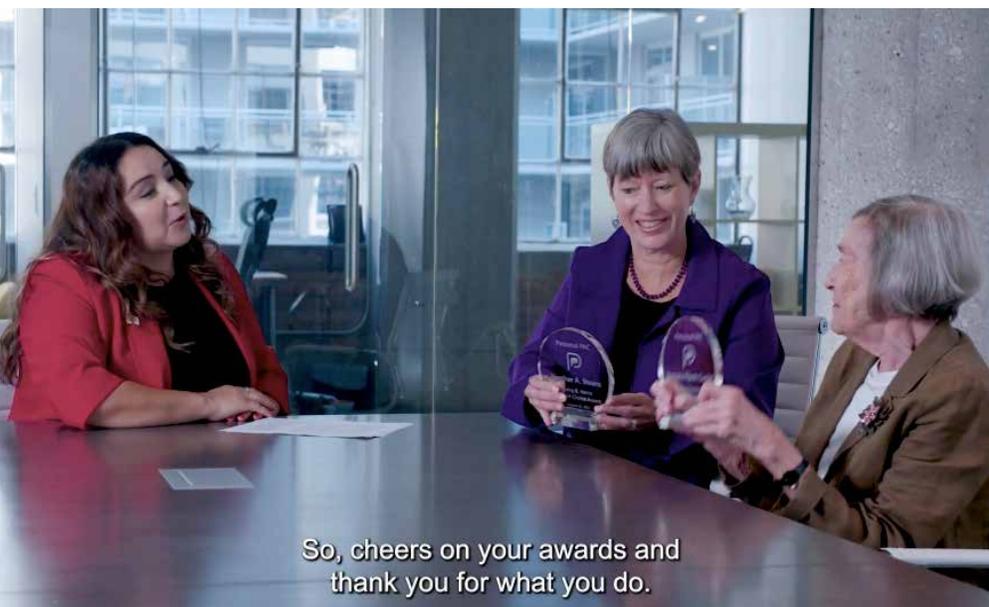
In the Illinois Supreme Court, anti-choice extremists are just one seat away from controlling the seven-member court in the same way they now control the U.S. Supreme Court. Anti-choice justices currently hold three seats on the Illinois court, and their radical colleagues are gunning for the all-important fourth, and possibly fifth, seat. If we lose the court, these extremists will make the case to overturn HB 40 and the RHA, consequentially reinstating Illinois' "trigger law" that makes abortion illegal when *Roe* is overturned.

If Personal PAC does not succeed in the 2022 Illinois elections, women between the two coasts will have no place to turn for their reproductive healthcare. For the sake of everyone in Illinois and across the Midwest, we must do everything imaginable to prevent this from happening!

THE 28TH ANNUAL AWARDS LUNCHEON

This year's event, held virtually on October 20th, featured powerful remarks from honorees Norman Lear, Hon. Heather Steans, Hon. Barbara Flynn Currie, and Kelley Foxx, along with special guests Governor JB Pritzker, Speaker Chris Welch, Representative Delia Ramirez, Barbara Bluhm-Kaul, and more! We hosted over 1,000 supporters of choice who believe Personal PAC can make a difference in the future of reproductive freedom in Illinois – and beyond.

Personal PAC's Annual Awards Luncheon is the organization's primary fundraiser. The event raised over \$1 million thanks to the efforts of Personal PAC's dedicated Board and event Benefit Committee members. These funds will be used to protect and expand our pro-choice leadership up and down the 2022 ballot. We thank everyone who attended and contributed to the event.



Please mark your calendar
for next year's Annual
Awards Luncheon:
Tuesday, October 11, 2022!



DELIA RAMIREZ
STATE REPRESENTATIVE, PRO-CHOICE LEADER

HON. HEATHER STEANS
IRVING B. HARRIS SPIRIT OF CHOICE AWARD RECIPIENT

HON. BARBARA FLYNN CURRIE
PRO-CHOICE LEADERSHIP AWARD RECIPIENT

KELLEY FOXX
PRO-CHOICE LEADERSHIP AWARD RECIPIENT

LOOKING AHEAD

Personal PAC's work is never done, and our next battle is to prepare for the once-in-a-decade 2022 election, when ALL 177 House and Senate seats, all Constitutional offices including Governor and Attorney General, and all Cook County Commissioner seats as well as Cook County Board President are up for election. This ONLY happens once every ten years! The 2022 election will determine the fate of legal abortion in the post-Roe era.

2022 Election

As a reminder, the 2020 election resulted in slim pro-choice majorities in both the Illinois House and Senate. We fully expect to see heavy funding flood into Illinois for anti-choice politicians who want to end reproductive rights – including access to abortion, birth control, and IVF – in our state. Personal PAC needs to be there to ensure that the pendulum does not swing toward anti-choice extremists like it has in so many other states around us.



This election will have consequences for the next fifty years and will unleash anti-choice challengers for Governor, the Illinois General Assembly, and Illinois Supreme Court. We cannot emphasize how profoundly important this particular election will be for the future of our work and the future of reproductive rights in the Midwest – for generations to come. The two Illinois Supreme Court races will either threaten or affirm all of our work over the past 32 years. Your support is essential for us to hold off these attacks and ensure victories where they will make a difference... at the ballot box in 2022!

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BOARD MEMBER



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WRITER, PRODUCER, ACTIVIST & PHILANTHROPIST

THANK YOU!

Thanks to the generosity and advocacy of its supporters, Personal PAC is able to continue the fight to protect and expand reproductive rights and ensure that the next generation has the full range of reproductive freedom it deserves. We cannot recruit, elect, and hold accountable pro-choice leaders who will pass and protect pro-choice legislation without your support.

Below are just a few ways that you can help fund our critical work.

Make a Donation!

- Donate Online – Visit www.personalpac.org
- Donate by Phone – Call the office at **312-422-0005**
- Donate by Mail – **Personal PAC / 134 N LaSalle St., Suite 2040 / Chicago, IL 60602**
- *Your gift can be made in **Memory or Honor of someone***



Consider a Monthly Gift

- Monthly giving is a great way to support Personal PAC year-round. Funds will be used to support candidates and pro-choice legislation.
- To set up a monthly gift, simply visit the website or call the office.

Consider Hosting a House Party

- House parties are receptions that are organized by an individual or group in support of Personal PAC. The host(s) invite friends, family, and colleagues to learn more about Personal PAC and how they can help support the mission.
- All event logistics are organized in partnership with the Personal PAC staff, who support hosts through every step of the planning process.
- House parties help Personal PAC educate current supporters about our latest priorities and introduce new friends to the mission.

Consider Leaving Personal PAC in Your Will

- Our anti-choice opponents are never giving up. That is why it is critical for Personal PAC to be well-funded so that it can be here to protect future generations.
- The *Marcie Love Legacy Society* was established to honor individuals who make a deferred gift through the inclusion of Personal PAC in their Will.
- To learn more, please reach out to **Malia Huff** at **312-422-0005**.

Funds raised will be used to recruit, elect, and hold accountable pro-choice leaders for the important 2022 election. Your donations this year will determine just how hard we can fight to ensure that anti-choice legislation is not allowed to restrict access to reproductive healthcare in Illinois.

Thank you for believing in Personal PAC!

The fight is not over. We need your continued partnership to protect the future.