

(Month Day, Year)

The Honourable (First name last name)
MLA (Specific Riding)
(Address)

Re: Support of Bill 605: An Act to Provide Safe Access to Abortion Services

Dear MLA Name:

As a community member of Saskatoon, I am writing to express my concerns regarding the lack of legislation ensuring the safety of abortion clinics and the abortion providers in Saskatchewan. Currently local abortion clinics and hospitals are not protected by any legislation against protestors who may use tactics such as harassment or graphic anti-abortion images as a means to persuade. Each province has the ability to implement their own "bubble zone" law also known as a "safe access zone" or a "buffer zone" which would give clinics and hospitals a certain radius deemed as a safe zone. This zone would stop protests, means of persuasion and other threats of safety from creating further barriers for patients seeking a full spectrum of reproductive health options, including abortion. This is why I am asking you to support Bill 605: An Act to Provide Safe Access to Abortion Services.

Currently in Canada, six provinces follow a bubble zone law including British Columbia, Alberta, Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, and Newfoundland and Labrador. Abortion access is legal in Canada and should be considered a branch of health care as it is crucial to the physical and mental well-being of all community members. According to the Abortion Rights Coalition of Canada approximately 98,762 Canadians accessed abortion services in 2020. Protecting abortion clinics not only allows providers to do their jobs and attend work safely but it also prevents abortion seekers from facing discrimination and harassment from anti-abortion groups. While abortion is legal in Canada, many individuals struggle to safely access these services due to travel, cost and the time constraint of abortion procedures in Saskatchewan. Implementing a "bubble zone" law would ensure that individuals would have a more positive experience entering a safe and neutral space surrounding the clinic or hospital.

I strongly encourage you to consider all of the positive impacts of implementing Bill 605. Ensuring community members have the ability to safely access reproductive health services will positively impact individuals, local health care providers, and our larger community.

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,
(Your Name), (City/Town)