



“People go to their doctors as patients, they don’t pull out their voter registration card; they’re not saying whether they’re Republican or Democrat or Independent. These are private medical decisions, and Floridians understand that and are aware of the severe consequences of politicians interfering.” – Lauren Brenzel, [Rolling Stone](#)

This Week’s Campaign Update

Hi, Lori. With fall fast approaching we’re seeing a new wave of momentum and enthusiasm around our campaign.

I’m so excited to share the pictures below so you can see firsthand some of the amazing organizing going on at our college campuses. Like the rest of us, these students are fed up with politicians inserting themselves where they don’t belong, in our most personal and private decisions about our own bodies.

With their support, and yours, we’re going to get on the ballot and we’re going to win!

In Solidarity,
Lauren Brenzel, Campaign Director

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Campaign Highlights

On September 8, the Florida Supreme Court heard oral arguments in *Planned Parenthood of Southwest and Central Florida, et al. v. State of Florida, et al.*, the legal challenge to Florida's 15-week abortion ban. We issued a statement in [English](#) and [Spanish](#) and had campaign representatives and spokespeople at the courthouse.

On the fundraising front, we have now raised \$8.8 million from nearly 2,500 donors!



Eckerd College Day of Action tabling.



Eckerd's Generation Action chapter got 30 petitions signed during their Day of Action!



FGCU Generation Action members canvassing for petitions on campus for Day of Action. They got 27 petitions.

UCF PPGA partnered with PPF to get petitions and students registered to vote. They were able to get 17 petitions before it started pouring rain.



USF SP Generation Action held a teach in about abortion access called get the "Scoop on Repro," where they ate ice cream and caught students up on where we're at on abortion access as well as training their attendees how to collect petitions.

USF Tampa Generation Action's Pizza and Petitions party for the Day of Action.



FSU Generation Action had two tablings last week at two different fairs to collect petitions and supporter cards.



Taylor Aguilera presented about the state of abortion access and the intersections of repro and environmental work with the Sustainable Sisters of Orange County! 20 petitions were signed.



USF Project Period and USF Generation Action held a bake sale this week. Proceeds go towards buying period products for USF Tampa's bathrooms. They're ALSO collecting petitions at their bake sale

In The Media

Our campaign has now generated well over a thousand news hits! Here are a few recent highlights:

Rolling Stone reports, [DeSantis' Abortion Ban Could Wreak Havoc Across the Entire South, Not Just in Florida](#). Excerpt: On Friday, September 1, the organization passed an important milestone: the state officially verified 297,000 petitions — approximately one-third of the number needed to make the 2024 ballot and enough that they will qualify for Supreme Court review, a key hurdle in the process.

Last week's Committee to Protect Health Care press conference got [more than 100 hits!](#) They also just placed [this op-ed in Florida Politics!](#)

The Hill reports, [Florida's abortion rights on the line in state supreme court arguments](#). Excerpt: If the court rules that there is no right to an abortion, advocates said they would pin their hopes on a ballot measure effort. If it passes, that measure would overturn both the six-week and 15-week bans. "If it gets in the ballot for November of next year, it will pass," said Cecilia Grande, a Miami-based OB-GYN who serves on the national Committee to Protect Health Care's Reproductive Freedom Taskforce.

In [this story by the Florida Phoenix](#), Senate Minority Leader Lauren Book makes the case that this isn't a partisan issue. Excerpt: "This isn't a Democratic or Republican issue," she says. "I've gotten independents and Republicans asking for petitions to get friends to sign..."

This [deep dive piece from The Nation](#), makes the case that ballot measures represent the greatest hope for restoring abortion access in many red states and asks the question, should they replicate Roe v. Wade, or aim for something better? Excerpt: In Florida, the bar for passing a ballot initiative is particularly high; voters approved a legislative proposal to raise the threshold to 60 percent in 2006. "Everything that we have seen shows that these protections for access to abortion are what the people in Florida need, and want, and support," said Kara Gross, legislative director for the Florida ACLU.

WESH gives an overview of the amendment landscape for 2024 with their piece, [Florida groups scramble to get amendments on 2024 ballot](#). Excerpt: A group called Floridians Protecting Freedoms has raised and spent roughly \$5 million since April and now has enough certified voter petitions for a legal review to try and place abortion rights into the constitution.

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