



Dear Friends,

This email is a thank you to all of the women and men I have met over the years (and the ones I have not met as well) who support and work for women's health and rights every single day, often at risk of their own personal safety. **Thank you for what you do.** I know the Supreme Court just made your job that much harder, and we want you to know that we are standing with you.

I am asking you, my supporters, to make a call today to a woman or man whom you know is on the ground in this fight and give them your moral support and a big thank you for the work that they do.

As you all know, I have a long and strong record of supporting women and women's rights, as an attorney and as a real counselor, not the fictitious "sidewalk counselors" that the Supreme Court dreamed up in their bubble where no one shoves them, pushes them or spits on them. None of my opponents have been on the ground for women as I have. None can claim a record better than mine when it comes to fighting for women's rights in their homes, in their jobs, in the courts, and literally, in the streets.

Before the Buffer Zone, things were very ugly and violent in front of women's clinics in Massachusetts. Tragically, the Supreme Court disregards a long history of jurisprudence supporting time, manner and place restrictions on free speech. Free speech does not give anyone the right to bully and verbally assault women in any situation, including when she is making her own private health decisions.

I have seen this bullying first hand. For the Supreme Court to call them "counselors" is a supreme offense to the real counselors who quietly work with women every day beyond the headlines. My hope is that the legislature will act quickly to protect women within the unfortunate confines of this new decision.

For women, and for the women and men who respect, love and fight for them,

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