

# TEXAS ABORTION BAN AND COPYCAT BILLS

**Abortion care in Texas is now illegal after 6 weeks of pregnancy – long before most people even know they are pregnant.** The law depends on private citizens to sue anyone who seeks care, provides care, or supports a person receiving care (even an Uber driver). This ban is blatantly unconstitutional, but the Supreme Court has entered into a dangerous era for reproductive freedom.

**The government should never have the authority to force a person to remain pregnant against their will.** Decisions about pregnancy are deeply personal and can be complicated. The best person to make a decision about a pregnancy is the pregnant person themselves – not the government or politicians.

## THE REAL CONSEQUENCES:

**Bans on abortion care harm the most vulnerable.** People with means will always be able to travel elsewhere for care. Bans like this affect different Kentuckians in different ways.



### **PARENTS:**

Almost 67% of Kentuckians who obtain an abortion have at least 1 child. Many are single parents burdened by poverty. Nearly 20% of these KY families live in deep poverty, earning 50% or less than the federal poverty line.



### **HEALTH COMPLICATIONS:**

Some people who want to be pregnant must end their pregnancy because of health complications. Arbitrary abortion restrictions put politicians between patients and doctors.



### **STATES CANNOT IGNORE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS:**

The U.S. Constitution must be upheld in all states. The right to abortion care does not depend on where you live. Kentucky cannot rely on other states to uphold its own people's rights.



### **RURAL KENTUCKIANS:**

There are only two clinics in Kentucky. Getting to the clinics in Louisville is a long drive from Eastern and Western Kentucky. Long distance travel requires additional resources to cover transportation costs, time off work, and childcare.



### **SURVIVORS OF VIOLENCE AND ASSAULT:**

Pregnant people have an elevated risk of domestic violence. They should be free from interference to make the decisions that are best for themselves.



### **PEOPLE OF COLOR:**

Kentuckians of color are already 3 times more likely to have deadly complications during pregnancy. Bans like the one in Texas will exacerbate these issues and cost lives by creating more barriers to care.

**Laws like Texas's Senate Bill 8 cost lives, violate the U.S. Constitution, and create chaos in courts. Kentuckians need safe, legal access so they can make the best decisions for themselves without government interference.**

