IMPORTANT VOTE IN THE 2016 NEBRASKA LEGISLATURE

NEBRASKA LEGISLATORS

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30	Senator, Home City Baker, Roy (Lincoln)	+
17	Bloomfield, Dave (Hoskins)	PNV
29	Bolz, Kate (Lincoln)	+
16	Brasch, Lydia (Bancroft)	+
25	Campbell, Kathy (Lincoln)	+
11	Chambers, Ernie (Omaha)	+
27	Coash, Colby (Lincoln)	
13	Cook, Tanya (Omaha)	+
6		+
45	Crawford, Sup (Rellanus)	+
43	Crawford, Sue (Bellevue)	+
	Davis, AI (Hyannis)	+
32	Ebke, Laura (Crete)	+
7	Fox, Nicole (Omaha)	+
34	Friesen, Curt (Henderson)	+
3	Garrett, Tommy (Bellevue)	+
35	Gloor, Mike (Grand Island)	+
42	Groene, Mike (North Platte)	Е
21	Haar, Ken (Malcolm)	+
37	Hadley, Galen (Kearney)	+
26	Hansen, Matt, (Lincoln)	+
8	Harr, Burke (Omaha)	PNV
4	Hilkemann, Robert (Omaha)	+
9	Howard, Sara (Omaha)	+
44	Hughes, Dan (Venango)	+
23	Johnson, Jerry (Wahoo)	+
2	Kintner, Bill (Papillion)	+
31	Kolowski, Rick (Omaha)	+
24	Kolterman, Mark (Seward)	+
10	Krist, Bob (Omaha)	Е
38	Kuehn, John (Heartwell)	+
40	Larson, Tyson (O'Neill)	Е
18	Lindstrom, Brett (Omaha)	+
20	McCollister, John (Omaha)	+
39	McCoy, Beau (Omaha)	+
5	Mello, Heath (Omaha)	+
46	Morfeld, Adam (Lincoln)	+
49	Murante, John (Gretna)	+
28	Pansing Brooks, Patty (Lincoln)	+
12	Riepe, Merv (Ralston)	+
19	Scheer, Jim (Norfolk)	+
47	Schilz, Ken (Ogallala)	+
15	Schnoor, David (Scribner)	+
22	Schumacher, Paul (Columbus)	PNV
33	Seiler, Les (Hastings)	Ε
14	Smith, Jim (Papillion)	+
48	Stinner, John (Gering)	+
41	Sullivan, Kate (Cedar Rapids)	+
1	Watermeier, Dan (Syracuse)	+
36	Williams, Matt (Gothenburg)	+

LEGEND

- + = Supported the Planned Parenthood position
 - = Opposed the Planned Parenthood position

PNV = Present and not voting

E = Excused and not voting

LB843 – Sex Trafficking Protections and Reproductive Health Care for Sexual Assault Survivors

Improved sexual assault survivor access to reproductive health care was included in this bill to grant immunity from prostitution charges for those who are sex trafficked. Final Reading. Passed 42 – 0; 4/7/16. Planned Parenthood supported.

NEBRASKA LEGISLATIVE SESSION RECAP

As expected, this legislative session was tough — but dedicated advocates like you made it possible to advance legislation that expands access to health care and defend against several attacks on reproductive rights. For every time you lobbied, called or emailed a legislator; shared an important message on social media; volunteered your time; made a donation or took any number of other critical actions, **we thank you for being an important voice for Nebraskans!**

Here are some of the things we accomplished together this session:

- Lobby Day participants championed LB1097, a bill to expand access to reproductive health care for survivors of sexual assault. This program was later added as an amendment to another bill granting immunity from prostitution charges to sex trafficked workers, and passed into law.
- We defeated several proposed restrictions on safe, legal abortion, including a
 method ban, a fetal tissue bill and an ambulatory surgical center bill (similar to the
 Texas law constitutionally challenged in Whole Women's Health v. Hellerstedt and currently
 being decided by the U.S. Supreme Court).
- We defeated two bills introduced by lawmakers who do not support a woman's right to make her own health care decisions. One bill would have required antiabortion signage in health centers, and the other would have promoted "Choose Life" license plates.

While it was disappointing to see Nebraska lawmakers pass over both Medicaid expansion and a family planning Medicaid program, both of which would expand access to essential reproductive health services, we laid the groundwork to take this legislation up again next session. We are grateful for you and your advocacy, and we know we can count on you to keep up the fight!

"The power our advocates hold in our communities is evident from the successes we experienced this legislative session. We're growing, we're mobilizing and we're protecting reproductive and sexual health in Nebraska."

- Meg Mikolajczyk, policy analyst, lobbyist and staff attorney for PPHeartland and PPVN

PPVN IS GROWING!

We are pleased to add Kaitlan McDermott to our powerful advocacy team as the new regional organizer in Omaha! A former volunteer, Kaitlan is a familiar face to many supporters and a strong voice for sex ed. She previously led the Comprehensive Health Education and Equal Responsibility (CHEER) group, which helped successfully advance comprehensive sexuality education in Omaha schools.

"I'm honored to join the Planned Parenthood of the Heartland and Planned Parenthood Voters of Nebraska teams in Omaha. I'm excited to continue growing our network of community supporters and to help lead efforts to protect reproductive rights in Nebraska," Kaitlan said.

We are thrilled to have Kaitlan's passion and voice. She joins Regional Organizer Dave Gottschalk, who is now based in our Lincoln office full-time, enabling us to enhance our grassroots outreach in the state.





Policy Analyst and Lobbyist **Meg Mikolajczyk** and Regional Organizer **Dave Gottschalk** roleplay during Speak Up! No Matter What Lobby Day training.

YOUR SUPPORT IS CRUCIAL!



Volunteer to help build our advocacy power.
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