



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

RESOLUTION

R115 – 2022

Introduced by City Council on July 20, 2022

City of Council of Allentown expresses its opposition to the imposition of restrictions on reproductive choice by the governments of the Commonwealth or the United States and recommends the city cover travel expenses related to abortion access for employees up to certain amount to be determined through an amendment to the personnel code and budget should the need arise.

Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization overturned Roe v Wade putting into play already existing laws prohibiting abortions, allowing state legislators to make decisions that could require state-mandated birthing and act as decision-makers on the reproductive health of females; and

WHEREAS, Overturning Roe V Wade disproportionately impacts women, trans and non-binary Black, Latinx, Indigenous and other people of color; and

WHEREAS sufficient access to reproductive care is central to individual's ability to retain autonomy over their body, their choice to have children or not have children, their mental well-being, their economic circumstance and their very life; and

WHEREAS, private corporations are picking up the slack where governmental institutions have failed by providing traveling expenses for females to make their own reproductive decisions – e.g., Amazon, Apple, AT&T, Citigroup, Comcast, CVS Caremark, Disney, JPMorgan Chase, Mastercard, Meta, Starbucks, and T-Mobile are some of the other companies stating they intend to cover travel expenses related to abortion access for their employees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Council of Allentown expresses its opposition to the imposition of restrictions on reproductive choice by the governments of the Commonwealth or the United States.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Allentown that they hereby go on record recommending the city cover such expenses up to certain amount to be determined through an amendment to the personnel code and budget, should the need arise.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT ALLENTOWN CITY COUNCIL intends to amend the Personnel Code creating rules, regulations and budgetary allocations should the need arise.