

PRESS STATEMENT

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**PLANNED PARENTHOOD: WE ALL WANT TO PROTECT PATIENT SAFETY, BUT  
THIS BILL WON'T DO THAT**

*ARIZONA'S NEWEST LAW SHOWS STATE NEEDS LEADERS WHO LISTEN TO  
DOCTORS – NOT POLITICAL GROUPS – ON HEALTH CARE REGULATIONS*

**PHOENIX** – Planned Parenthood Advocates of Arizona condemns Governor Jan Brewer for signing House Bill 2284 despite the requests for a veto from Planned Parenthood and the Arizona chapter of the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. The new law removes the safeguard of a warrant for state inspectors, as required by 2010 rules governing abortion clinic inspections to which the state agreed, designed to protect patient privacy and safety. On this basis, Planned Parenthood expects there will be a legal challenge to this law, but cannot say at this time that the organization will be the plaintiff

**STATEMENT FROM BRYAN HOWARD, PRESIDENT, PLANNED PARENTHOOD  
ADVOCATES OF ARIZONA:**

**“At Planned Parenthood we work every day to make sure women receive the high quality health care they need in a safe, respectful environment. Ensuring the health and safety of our patients is central to our mission and fundamental to every person who works at Planned Parenthood.**

**“We support health care regulations that protect patient safety. Abortion is extremely safe. Data, including from the CDC, shows that abortion has over a 99% safety record. At Planned Parenthood, our guidelines are based on the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the United States Preventive Services Task Force, and the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology.**

**“We’re not surprised that Governor Brewer signed this bill. She has been hostile to women’s health care, including abortion and family planning, since the day she took office. In partnership with the controversial Center for Arizona Policy, the group behind SB 1062 that was vetoed earlier this year, politicians wrote this legislation with the end goal of making safe, legal abortion difficult or even impossible for women to get. The Arizona Congress of Obstetricians and**

**Gynecologists joined Planned Parenthood in asking Governor Brewer to veto this bill.**

**“Women are watching and they’re joining with Planned Parenthood Advocates of Arizona to elect new leaders who want to move our state forward — not turn back the clock on women’s access to health care. We are proud to have endorsed Fred DuVal, the only gubernatorial candidate who has made it clear that he will protect women’s health care, including family planning and abortion, and the ability for families to make their own health care decisions.”**

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