



The New Orleans Abortion Fund was founded in 2012 in response to federal and state laws restricting insurance coverage of abortion. Since then, we have funded more than 1,250 clients, increased our average pledge to \$496, and launched a clinic escort program. From its inception, NOAF has recognized the importance of community engagement and advocacy. We have opposed numerous anti-choice regulations and legislation, including 2019's six-week abortion ban.

WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT BANNING ABORTION RIGHTS?

This session, our legislators passed a bill to introduce a constitutional amendment banning the right to abortion and its funding. **This amendment will be on our ballots when we vote in 2020.**

If passed, it would add language to our state constitution stating: *"to protect human life, a right to abortion and the funding of abortion shall not be found in the Louisiana Constitution."*

Why does NOAF oppose this amendment?

- It is unnecessary—state and federal law already restrict private insurance and Medicaid from covering abortion, and Louisiana passed a “trigger law” in 2006, which means that if *Roe v. Wade* is ever overturned, abortion will be banned in our state.
- It is harmful; all laws that restrict access to comprehensive health care, including abortion, represent harm done to Louisianians.
- The bill is extreme. It includes no exceptions, even in the case of rape, incest, or threat to life.
- This amendment is a back-door approach to adding “personhood” language to our state constitution. This will make it harder to protect our rights and fight future abortion restrictions.
- Louisiana doesn't need another unnecessary restriction on abortion rights; we need progressive policies to advance healthcare access and outcomes for all people.

JOIN NOAF AND TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT ABORTION ACCESS

Between now and November 2020, abortion rights advocates will be organizing and educating our communities about the amendment and why we must VOTE NO. **Join NOAF in our efforts!**

- Sign up to [canvass](#) in your community with NOAF
- **Donate** to NOAF to continue to provide abortion access
- Talk to **five friends** about the proposed constitutional amendment
- Make sure your [voter registration](#) is up-to-date and current!



/neworleansabortionfund



@nolaabortionfund



@neworleansabortionfund

**Sign up for our newsletter and action alerts at:
neworleansabortionfund.org**