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2024 Reproductive Freedom Lobby Day: Outline for Meetings with Legislators

Welcome and introductions	<p>Someone kicks off the meeting by thanking the legislator for their time. Everyone introduces themselves.</p>
Why we're here	<p>One person lets the legislator know that hundreds of people are at the Capitol for UnRestrict Minnesota's Reproductive Lobby Day. We are here to talk with you about legislation that will improve the lives of Minnesotans.</p>
Tell stories that convey the importance of passing the Legislative Agenda	<p>The bills we're specifically here to advocate for (use SF when talking to Senators and HF when talking to Representatives.):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Abortion Care Act (SF 3967 / HF 4053). Currently, abortion care is carved out of many health plans. To ensure equitable access, abortion care needs to be treated like other essential health care. ○ ERA (SF 37/HF 173). The Minnesota Equal Rights Amendment would guarantee every Minnesotan the same exact rights under the law. It would offer everyone the strongest possible protections against discrimination by the state based on race, color, national origin, ancestry, disability, or sex — including pregnancy, pregnancy outcomes, gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation ○ Any other issue on the legislative agenda that promotes healthy families and advances reproductive justice. <p>Tell stories about how passing these laws would impact you, the lives of people you love and your community.</p>
The Asks	<p>Supportive Legislator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Will you sign on as a co-author of , SF (or HF)? ● Will you join the Reproductive Freedom Caucus? <p>If the legislator has signed onto SF or HF and is a member of the Reproductive Freedom Caucus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Acknowledge that they are a co-author and member of Reproductive Freedom Caucus and thank them for being a reproductive freedom champion! <p>Anti Legislator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Thank them for meeting. Ask them to join you and the majority of Minnesotans in supporting access to abortion and advancing equality. You can always “agree to disagree” and ask them to keep having these difficult conversations with people in your community.

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