

Sample Script

Introduction

Go around the room, with each person saying their name and where they live in the district. **Start with your values and why you care about reproductive freedom and bodily autonomy.**

Why We Are Here

- **Dispel the myth that abortion is a divisive issue and highlight the broad support for reproductive freedom that exists in your community and across Minnesota.** Minnesotans have a straightforward view of abortion: they believe decisions about abortion should be left in the hands of individuals.
 - 70% of Minnesotans want people to have access to safe, legal, and affordable abortion care.
 - 80% agree they don't want one group's religious beliefs determining rights for everyone
 - Two-thirds of voters (67%) support adding an inclusive Minnesota Equal Rights Amendment to the state constitution.
- **Show the reality of abortion access in Minnesota.**
 - Despite strong protections for abortion access, procedural abortion and abortion past 12 weeks are only available in the Twin Cities, Duluth, and Moorhead. This forces many patients to travel hours away from home and arrange lodging to receive care.
 - We need a sustainable abortion provider ecosystem. The majority of patients served by abortion care clinics rely on Medical Assistance/Medicaid, yet **current Medicaid reimbursements cover less than half of the cost of providing abortion care.** This financial strain makes it hard for clinics to keep their doors open.

Our Agenda

Reproductive Health Equity Fund

This year, an abortion clinic in Minnesota had to shut down because of inadequate funding streams, and others are struggling to stay open. The Reproductive Health Equity Fund (RHEF) will allocate \$30 million in funding directly to Minnesota abortion providers to support a

sustainable abortion provider ecosystem.

For years, Minnesota abortion providers have been excluded from millions of state dollars dedicated to family planning funding for political reasons. Funding is essential to ensure abortion remains truly accessible—because without providers, there is no access.

Bill Number: SF 1890 / HF 1278

Chief Authors: Sen. Lindsey Port, Rep. Mike Frieberg

Minnesota Equal Rights Amenda

The Minnesota Equal Rights Amendment would guarantee every Minnesotan the 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.

Bill Numbers: SF 437/ HF 501

Chief Authors: Sen. Mary Kunesh, Rep. Leigh Finke

UnRestrict Minnesota Reproductive Justice Agenda

In your packet, there is a leave behind with the full UnRestrict Minnesota Reproductive Justice Agenda.

The Ask

Will you support or become a co-author of the Minnesota Equal Rights Amendment and the Reproductive Health Equity Fund?

Follow up: Can I leave you with more information about our Reproductive Justice Agenda?

If they have championed a bill that is part of our agenda (e.g., lead author), thank them for their support and ask them to continue being a champion for reproductive freedom and bodily autonomy.

If they are clearly not a supporter of reproductive rights and freedoms, try to find other points of connection or values in common that you can connect to your priorities. Ask if they believe that Minnesotans should have the right to decide whether and when to become parents based on their own beliefs and circumstances.