

EMAIL TO DA OHIO VOTERS

Dear -----,

Many best wishes for the New Year.

As Chair of the Reproductive Rights Action Team of the Democrats Abroad Global Women's Caucus, I am contacting you because you vote in Ohio and our team thinks you should be aware of a bill which almost totally bans abortion that is before the Ohio legislature: H.B. 413,

We urge you to write to your legislator to oppose this bill, and we have attached a draft template to this email for your use.

The current draft of H.B. 413 provides that no person can perform an abortion, and no person can have an abortion. There is **no exception** for rape and incest. This bill, if enacted, would make it possible in some cases for both abortion providers and pregnant women, who obtain abortions to **be put to death**. This includes children who are defined as anyone under the age of 18 or if handicapped, under the age of 21.

As if that's not enough, a provision also requires the preserving and re implanting of a fetus from an ectopic pregnancy. Note that this is a procedure which is not medically possible.

The only medical exception to obtain an abortion provided in the H.B. 413 requires a physician to certify that it is *"highly probable that the pregnant woman will die from a certain fatal condition."* The bill defines "fatal condition" as *"a disease or injury that will lead to a patient's death and does not include either a condition related to the patient's mental health or the pregnancy itself."*

The ban is, as Ohio House Minority Leader Emilia Sykes said, [according to the Cincinnati Enquirer](#), *"the most brazen and absurd attempt yet to deny Ohio women their fundamental freedoms, to interfere with the patient-doctor relationship and disproportionately target communities of color across Ohio."* It's also blatantly unconstitutional.

Please review the attached letter template, adapt it for your use and send it to your legislator. The Ohio legislature opens on January 15 so please act urgently.

More information can be found here: <https://www.vox.com/2019/12/5/20994296/ohio-abortion-murder-hb-413-reimplant-ectopic>

<https://www.jurist.org/news/2019/11/ohio-house-introduces-restrictive-abortion-bill-requiring-medically-unsound-practices/>

If you would like to join our struggle to maintain our rights, please join the DA Global Women's Caucus (if you are not already a member) and send your request to volunteer to Salli Swartz, the Chair of the Reproductive Rights Action Team, at: sallisaswartz@gmail.com

Thanks and best wishes,

/s/ Salli Swartz