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PERSONAL PAC LAUNCHES REPEAL PNA ACTION WEBSITE

*Voters across Illinois urged to contact legislators now to repeal
Illinois' dangerous Parental Notice of Abortion (PNA) Law*

Chicago, IL – Personal PAC has created a website (www.PNARepealAction.org) to bring together pro-choice voters in every town, city, and county in Illinois to focus on legislation to repeal Illinois' dangerous Parental Notice of Abortion (PNA) law. The site encourages voters to take immediate action via the website to contact legislators by phone, email, letter, and post on social media.

IL State Senator Elgie Sims (D- IL17) & IL State Representative Anna Moeller (D-IL43) are leading the fight to repeal the dangerous PNA law in the Illinois Senate and Illinois House respectively. They have both sponsored bills SB 2190 and HB1797. These bills would strike PNA from Illinois law.

Across America, anti-choice extremists are attacking reproductive rights and with the support of the far right, which includes trying to pass laws like the PNA (Forced Parental Notice of Abortion). This dangerous law is spreading throughout states that are hostile to abortion. They require parental involvement in a minor's decision to have an abortion. Because the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that states may not give parents an absolute veto over their daughter's decision to have an abortion, some state parental involvement requirements include a judicial bypass procedure that forces a minor to beg for court approval without her parents' knowledge or consent. Navigating the intimidating judicial system by a minor creates even more barriers to care.

This dangerous law puts the health and lives of young people at risk. It interferes with their access to time-sensitive health care. Every leading medical organization opposes forced parental involvement laws, including: The American Medical Association; The American Academy of Pediatrics; The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists; The Society for Adolescent Medicine; and The American Public Health Association. Decades of research and experience demonstrate that laws like PNA hurt young people and serve no valid purpose.

"Shame on any legislator who protects the radical agenda of anti-choice extremists over the most vulnerable young people in Illinois," stated President & CEO of Personal PAC Terry Cosgrove. "Repealing PNA is the most important reproductive health care measure now pending in the Illinois House & Senate. All repeal of PNA requires is the striking several sentences from the statute and doesn't cost the state a cent. It needs to happen now and it is up to us to send our elected officials a clear message – Illinois is a pro-choice state and PNA must be repealed now. Visit www.PNARepealAction.org to make your voice heard."

Personal PAC will use this site, social media tools and other communication strategies to reach and activate pro-choice voters and candidates across Illinois to which it is committing up to \$100,000 at the

start of this campaign, with more being raised going forward, to end the harm this horrible right-wing initiated law causes.

Personal PAC is a non-partisan political action committee (PAC) dedicated to electing pro-choice candidates to state and local offices in Illinois. Personal PAC identifies tens of thousands of pro-choice voters, professionally develops direct mail campaigns to educate and motivate pro-choice voters and assembles campaign strategists to provide pro-choice candidates with the tools to win on Election Day. Further questions regarding Personal PAC's political strategy can be directed to Terry Cosgrove, President & CEO, at 312-422-0005 or by visiting www.personalpac.org.

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