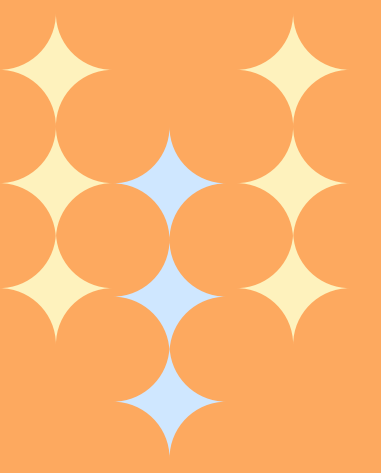




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# WHAT ARE “ANTI-ABORTION PREGNANCY CENTERS”: A REFRESHER

Anti-abortion pregnancy centers (or fake clinics; crisis pregnancy centers) exist to talk people out of getting an abortion by spreading disinformation about abortion and vilifying people who have them and perform them. In some cases, they also discourage the use of birth control. There are roughly 2,700 anti-abortion pregnancy centers in the United States, with more globally, and many in the U.S. run on public funding (taxpayer dollars). Many anti-abortion pregnancy centers are affiliated with religious organizations and use their religious convictions to oppose abortion, comprehensive sex ed, and contraception. Some college campuses house anti-abortion pregnancy centers or their health centers refer to them, and some set up right next to real abortion providers to intentionally deceive patients.

**ANTI-ABORTION PREGNANCY CENTERS USE A VARIETY OF TECHNIQUES TO DISSUADE PEOPLE FROM CHOOSING ABORTION, BOTH INSIDE THE CENTER AND OUTSIDE THEIR WALLS. THEY HAVE BEEN KNOWN FOR:**

## 02 LIES ABOUT SERVICES

- Offering free services that come with “strings attached” like receiving diapers in exchange for religious courses or promises that they will not have premarital sex or seek abortion
- Promising help and services for someone who chooses to carry a pregnancy to term, then failing to follow through after the birth

## 01 HARASSMENT

- Shaming pregnant people for sexual history, drug use, decision to abort, or other identity factors, typically using religious imagery, text, and language to do so
- Harassing people who visited their centers by coercing them to sign legal or medical-seeming forms, calling them incessantly, or following them on social media
- Using geo-location and targeted advertising to reach people seeking abortion clinics, then redirect their internet search results to anti-abortion sites

## 03 FALSE INFORMATION

- Giving people incorrect information about their pregnancy and gestational age (how far along pregnancy is)
- Lying about what is involved in the abortion procedure and what its side effects could be
- Telling people not to worry about an unwanted pregnancy because miscarriage rates are high, suggesting the pregnancy may end on its own which could push someone past the legal termination date



# ANTI-ABORTION PREGNANCY CENTERS FAQS

**Q:** How can I spot an anti-abortion pregnancy center online?

**A:** Unfortunately, when searching for abortion services online, people are frequently redirected to anti-abortion pregnancy centers. This is common as many of them use geo-location and targeted advertising to reach people seeking abortion information online. Their websites can often be difficult to discern from regular abortion clinics if you do not know what you are looking for. Often, they lure people in with words like “Choice” and “Options” but rarely explicitly mention abortion on their websites or only do so to direct people into their centers. It is important to be aware of the tactics of anti-abortion pregnancy centers when searching for abortion information online.

**Q:** I want to find the anti-abortion pregnancy centers in my community. Where do I start?

**A:** Anti-abortion pregnancy centers can be difficult to spot in your community, as they often have deceptive names that are similar to real clinics and can be located near real clinics. To combat this, Reproaction has a great resource for locating anti-abortion pregnancy centers in your area. Our [“Anti-Abortion Pregnancy Center Database”](#) is a collection of discoverable anti-abortion pregnancy centers in the United States, independently researched and regularly updated by Reproaction. If you have anti-abortion pregnancy centers to add to this resource, you can contact us [here](#).



**Q:** If anti-abortion pregnancy centers provide other health services besides abortion, why are they dangerous?

**A:** While a few anti-abortion pregnancy centers provide a limited amount of health services, they still pose a threat to reproductive health care access in the community. They often draw people in with misleading messaging and discourage and shame people who wish to seek abortion care. They do this by giving people false information about their pregnancy, lying about the dangers of abortion procedures, and a variety of other methods to push people past the legal termination date. Many anti-abortion pregnancy centers do not have real medical professionals on staff and have been known to impersonate medical personnel when they have no formal training or education. Their practices are deceptive and deliberate to coerce people into continuing pregnancies they may not wish to.

**Q:** How are anti-abortion pregnancy centers funded?

Many people are surprised to learn that anti-abortion pregnancy centers are funded by a variety of sources, including prominent anti-abortion organizations. Many are explicitly affiliated with groups like the National Institute of Family and Life Advocates, Care Net, and Heartbeat International. While many anti-abortion pregnancy centers receive large donations from private entities, many others are subsidized by taxpayer dollars at an alarming rate. There are at least 29 states providing consistent financial support to anti-abortion pregnancy centers. And at least 3 of those states have siphoned off millions in federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds to these centers, often diverting the funds from more meaningful causes that address the basic needs of needy families. Anti-abortion pregnancy centers also access federal funding through Title X, a government program which has helped low-income Americans access hormonal birth control, family planning services, and reproductive health care. The Trump administration changed the program to allow anti-abortion pregnancy centers to qualify for funding under the “family planning” umbrella. Not all anti-abortion pregnancy centers receive TANF or Title X dollars, but many find other ways to pilfer public funds to deceive pregnant people. Through the sale of “Choose Life” license plates in 32 states, taxpayers can donate directly to anti-abortion pregnancy centers. One large anti-abortion pregnancy center chain provides courses on how to apply for government and other grants in a variety of areas, including public school sexual health education, for which they get millions in state and federal grants yearly to teach abstinence-only programming.



**Q:** A local business is sponsoring an event for an anti-abortion pregnancy center. How can I get them to revoke support?

**A:** There are many ways to alert a local business that they may be knowingly or unknowingly collaborating with an anti-abortion pregnancy center. In the beginning, assume innocence, and send the business a letter or an email explaining what the organization they are working with is and what it does. If the business is not responsive to that communication, the next step is informing community members and customers of the organization this business is supporting. This can be done by handing out and hanging up flyers in the area or having a table at a community event. Once community members are fired up about the issue, they can join you in contacting the venue in whatever manner makes sense for the venue and community until they rescind their support for the anti-abortion pregnancy center. With that, you've done a successful direct action! More tactics for direct action on page 11.

**Q:** Can someone trust the medical advice they get at an anti-abortion pregnancy center outside of pregnancy care? Say, if they got STI testing?

**A:** It is hard to say how reliable any medical care or advice will be at an anti-abortion pregnancy center. Often these establishments brand themselves as medical clinics while having no trained medical professionals on staff. It is suggested that even for services that are not directly pregnancy related, like STI testing, that patients seek medical care from another clinic or medical provider in their area.

**Q:** What should I do if an anti-abortion pregnancy center is targeting students or young people in my community?

**A:** Many anti-abortion pregnancy centers purposefully target youth in their area. Anti-abortion pregnancy center staff often go to schools and offer abstinence-only sex education programs and encourage students to visit their center. Studies have found that abstinence-only sex education programs have damaging psychological effects on young people. Young people deserve to have access to accurate shame and stigma free sex education. If you see young people being targeted in your area you can point them to resources like [SEICUS](#), [Advocates for Youth](#), and [URGE](#).

**Q:** Someone I respect who shares my values reposted an anti-abortion pregnancy center fundraiser, and I don't believe they know how harmful these centers are. How should I approach them about this likely mix-up?

**A:** It is important to approach people with empathy when they may not be knowledgeable about the harmful effects of an organization they may be supporting. On our website, Reproaction has many resources about anti-abortion pregnancy centers and why their work is harmful. Ground yourself in the shared value of helping people who are experiencing unplanned pregnancy, and be sure to provide alternatives to anti-abortion pregnancy centers and approach these situations with an educational attitude!

**Q:** Where can someone go if they need pregnancy verification for financial assistance, support for continuing a pregnancy, or other services as a new or young parent?

**A:** The exact location for receiving this kind of information can vary from state to state. Most state and county health departments offer referrals to clinics for sexually transmitted infection (STI) testing and other similar services. It is important to note that some of these state and county health departments refer to anti-abortion pregnancy centers, so always run recommendations through the Reproaction Anti-Abortion Pregnancy Center Database before visiting them!



# WHAT IS “ABORTION PILL REVERSAL”?

Since 2015, several states have enacted concerning laws to force doctors to inform patients about the possibility of reversing a medication abortion using a theoretical regimen called “abortion pill reversal.” Other states have proposed bills referring to the “abortion pill reversal” hotline, despite the regimen being unproven and unethically tested.

This “theory” has not been tested by accepted methods of scientific review. Despite a lack of scientific evidence, abortion opponents have continued to promote “abortion pill reversal” and have successfully signed “abortion pill reversal” counseling bills into law. By 2021, 14 states enacted laws that require patients to receive information about “abortion pill reversal” from their doctors, primarily during pre-abortion counseling. [2]

When prescribed in the two-pill regime, abortion pills work like this: A person takes a first medication, mifepristone, which blocks progesterone from reaching a pregnancy that had been developing. Then, a person takes a second medication, misoprostol, which causes the uterus to contract and expel the pregnancy. So, abortion opponents invented a theory: After a person who has decided to have an abortion with pills takes the first medication, mifepristone, they can ‘reverse’ the abortion by administering large amounts of progesterone, using non-standardized dosages and methods. Then the person is instructed not to take the misoprostol pills. [1]

Fortunately, some states are taking action against “abortion pill reversal.” In 2023, Colorado became the first state to ban the controversial “abortion pill reversal” procedure. [2] The Colorado legislature passed a bill that made prescribing any drug in this way a form of medical misconduct. Unfortunately, that bill has been blocked and cannot be enforced. Despite this, it sets the standard for other states to fight against “abortion pill reversal.” Both the California and New York Attorney Generals have taken action against anti-abortion pregnancy centers for misleading patients about “abortion pill reversal.” [3,4]

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# WHAT IS THE FACE ACT?

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- The FACE act, or Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act, makes it a federal crime to use force, the threat of force, or physical obstruction to prevent individuals from obtaining or providing health care services, though the law also applies to houses of worship.
- FACE was passed in the 1990s following the rise in violence against abortion clinic patients and providers.
- Understanding FACE is important when planning actions exposing anti-abortion pregnancy centers, because the law can be applied to both real clinics and anti-abortion pregnancy centers. For this reason, it is especially important to be in communication with real clinics that may be located near an anti-abortion pregnancy center.
- When you plan an action aimed at exposing an anti-abortion pregnancy center that operates near an abortion provider, it is vital to engage the abortion provider so you can ensure patients and providers feel safe with your presence in the community.

For more information, check out this resource from the National Abortion Federation:  
[https://prochoice.org/wp-content/uploads/face\\_act.pdf](https://prochoice.org/wp-content/uploads/face_act.pdf)

## WHAT QUALIFIES AS FORCE, THREAT OF FORCE, OR A PHYSICAL OBSTRUCTION?

- While specific actions are not explicitly defined in FACE, it can be understood that to “intimidate” a person refers to placing that person in reasonable apprehension of bodily injury to themselves or another. A physical obstruction is considered anything that renders the entrance or exit of a facility impassable, or that makes access in or out of said facility unreasonably difficult or hazardous.
- It is important to be aware of what acts can be considered violations of FACE to inform those who are interested in protesting anti-abortion pregnancy centers, or those who are receiving reproductive health care from real clinics that patients have a federally protected right to access those facilities.

## WHY IS THE FACE ACT RELEVANT TO ANTI-ABORTION PREGNANCY CENTER OR ABORTION CLINIC ACTIONS?

- It is important to note that while workers and patients at real abortion clinics are covered by FACE, so are the workers and patients at anti-abortion pregnancy centers and other similar facilities.
- While being aware of this you can emphasize to your participants that protesters’ First Amendment rights to free speech are still protected under FACE. Both real clinic and anti-abortion pregnancy center protesters are allowed to conduct peaceful protests that include things like holding signs and distributing information to patients.



# BIG TECH AND ANTI-ABORTION PREGNANCY CENTERS

Anti-abortion pregnancy centers' primary tactic for getting patients in the door is deception, a lot of which starts online. As more states implement stricter abortion restrictions, anti-abortion pregnancy centers aim to deceive people seeking up to date information about abortion in their state. Anti-abortion pregnancy centers attempt to capture the attention of these people online, then delay their ability to access care until they are too far along in pregnancy to have an abortion. Anti-abortion pregnancy centers rely on the algorithms and search engines crafted by companies like Google and Meta to get people in the door. These companies have a responsibility to abortion seekers to provide them with accurate information online and they are constantly failing.

Big tech companies have a responsibility to provide their users with accurate information, especially when their users are seeking medical care that is as time sensitive as abortion. Instead, it is estimated that Google made around \$10.2 million from ads that anti-abortion pregnancy centers bought to deceive abortion seekers over the last two years. [1] While Google has made weak attempts to control anti-abortion pregnancy centers spreading disinformation, such as specifying that some anti-abortion pregnancy centers do not provide abortions, many are still able to deceive people into thinking they provide abortion care or have medical professionals on staff. [1]

In fact, Google Search is the primary way that anti-abortion pregnancy centers deceive people who are seeking abortion care. [1] When abortion seekers search things like "abortion clinic near me" or "Planned Parenthood" or "price of abortion pills," in most cases, the first result that comes up is an anti-abortion pregnancy center advertisement. Anti-abortion marketing firms have admitted that anti-abortion pregnancy centers use Google Search as their top referral tool. These firms make it very clear that they buy ads centered around keywords abortion seekers will use when looking for abortion services. While some anti-abortion pregnancy centers state on their websites that they do not provide abortions or abortion referrals, they make their ad language purposely vague to mislead people. [2]

The impact of this is even more dire in states that have trigger laws that banned abortion immediately after the fall of *Roe* in June 2022. In those states, anti-abortion pregnancy centers ads make up 28% of Google ads for abortion-related searches. [1] Big tech companies have a responsibility to provide their users with accurate information and should not be profiting from the spread of disinformation. For accurate information about finding verified clinics checkout [ineedana.com](https://www.ineedana.com).

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# REPROACTION RESOURCES

## FAKE HEALTH CARE

1. [“Abortion Pill Reversal” Has No Place in Health Care Training](#)
2. [The Reali-TEA of Fake Clinics and Abortion Pill Reversal Teach-In](#)
3. [“Abortion Pill Reversal” is Not About Choice](#)

## DECEIVING PATIENTS

1. [Anti-Abortion Fake Clinics Want to Rebrand. We Won't Let Them.](#)
2. [Anti-Abortion Fake Clinics Play the Victim, with Congressional Help](#)
3. [Anti-Abortion Fake Clinics Are Afraid](#)
4. [How to Spot a Fake Clinic](#)
5. [Why Anti-Abortion Fake Clinics Aren't Helping New Parents](#)
6. [Racism in Anti-Abortion Fake Clinics](#)

## FINANCIAL MALFEASANCE

1. [Anti-Abortion Fake Clinics and Your Tax Dollars](#)
2. [Millions of Tax Dollars Go to Fake Clinics. For What?](#)

## BIG TECH

1. [Big Tech is Failing Abortion](#)
2. [Google Earned \\$10 million from Anti-Abortion Fake Clinics' Deceptive Advertising](#)

# WHAT IS DIRECT ACTION?

Now that you are up to speed about anti-abortion pregnancy centers and are ready to take them on in your community, here is how we take our message to the streets with non-violent direct action.

**Direct action** is “action that changes our circumstances without handing power to an intermediary... [it] disrupts business-as-usual, seizes leadership, and introduces an alternative narrative” from [www.beautifultrouble.org](http://www.beautifultrouble.org), a valuable resource for non-violent direct action movements. Direct action can be used by anyone and is specifically designed to be successful even with few resources, we do not need to defer to others to make a change through voting or lobbying, we can bring about change ourselves with direct action.

**Reproaction** believes that when we take bold action, including direct action, in service of our mission to increase access to abortion and advance reproductive justice, our allies will grow stronger in their positions and our opponents will grow weaker.

*Remember : Non-violent is not the same as “peaceful.” We aim to be loud and be heard in a non-violent way, which sometimes includes disruption and usually involves noise, but does no physical harm to our opponents or our allies.*





# TABLING GUIDE

## 01 ENGAGEMENT

Tabling is a great way to engage your community and raise awareness for your cause

## 02 COLLABORATION

Often organizations that work on your cause will be willing to provide information for you to hand out, all that is necessary is for you to contact the organization and request it. You can print and use Reproaction's resources, like this toolkit, about anti-abortion pregnancy centers.

## 03 VISUAL AIDS

Have something eye-catching at your table: bold colors, candy, stickers, or some other interesting SWAG for people to grab. Coordinating shirt design or color with your tabling mates also helps gain attention. You can also have educational materials like pamphlets, flyers, or a QR code that can direct people to online resources

- Example organizations to table with against anti-abortion pregnancy centers:
  - Local abortion care providers
  - Progressive action groups
  - Student organizations
  - Feminist organizations and alliances
  - Medical provider associations
  - Artistic collectives
  - Abortion Funds
- Examples of community events that center tabling:
  - Weekly farmer's markets
  - County fairs
  - Local music festivals
  - Holiday gatherings: parades, markets, topical fairs like Earth Day or May Day

# TABLING GUIDE PT. 2

## 04 EFFECTIVE TABLING

Tips for Effective Tabling:

- Choose a central and safe location with high foot traffic.
  - Outside of a bus or subway stop, a public park on a nice day, a community event.
- Ask members of your community to help you table. For safety and companionship, it is ideal to have 2-3 people at a table – an extra hand can also help you pass out flyers or answer questions
  - If you are working with a team of volunteers, it is essential to train them before the event. Make sure they understand your purpose, how to engage with attendees, and any sales techniques you may be using.
- Do research and be prepared to answer questions about your cause (the resources on page 10 can help!)
  - When attendees approach your table, engage them in conversation. Ask them questions about themselves and their interests to build rapport. Make sure to tell them about your organization's mission and why it is important. Encourage them to sign up for your mailing list, make a donation, or get involved in other ways.

## 05 STAY IN TOUCH

Collect email addresses of people who are interested so you can keep them engaged with your cause – maybe invite them to table with you next time! This is a great way for engaged and interested people to feel trusted, useful, and important to the cause they want to support.

- After the event, follow up with attendees who expressed interest in your organization. Send them an email, a thank-you note, or a follow-up call to keep the conversation going.



# ANTI-ABORTION PREGNANCY CENTER DATABASE

In order to take action against your local anti-abortion pregnancy center, first you need to find it! No need to look any further, Reproaction's "[Anti-Abortion Pregnancy Center Database](https://reproaction.org/database/)" is a collection of all discoverable anti-abortion pregnancy centers nationwide, independently verified and regularly updated by Reproaction. We are proud to provide access to the Anti-Abortion Pregnancy Center Database in an open-source fashion on our website at: <https://reproaction.org/database/>. If you know of an anti-abortion pregnancy center in your area that is not listed on the database, contact us [here](#).

## **So, you've found your local anti-abortion pregnancy center. Now what?**

**Host a protest outside:** Anti-abortion pregnancy centers operate largely through deception, so they lose power when you expose them for what they truly are. Some do not want people to know they oppose abortion – they just want to get people in the door. Regardless of whether they own up to their stance on abortion, it's important to let people know about the deception and shaming that occurs inside their walls. Some anti-abortion pregnancy centers have misleading signs, are located close to or in the same building as real abortion clinics, and they lose power when you peel back the curtain and let the public, especially their neighbors and potential clients, know that they're not actually providing prenatal and postpartum care. If an anti-abortion pregnancy center is located near an actual abortion clinic, check with staff at the real clinic to find an amenable protest location: some clinics don't want protesters, even supportive ones, out of concern for the comfort and privacy of their patients. For more resources on the theory and practice of direct action and how to plan one, check out [Reproaction's Act & Learn Webinar: DIY Action Planning for Activists](#).

# TAKING ACTION

## **Write a petition, letter to the editor, or opinion editorial (op-ed):**

This could serve to unveil the true motives of your local anti-abortion pregnancy center, or bring to light their use of taxpayer dollars to prey on abortion seekers in your area. Check out our blog post, "[How are Crisis Pregnancy Centers Robbing Taxpayers?](#)" to learn more about public funding for anti-abortion pregnancy centers and which states are most implicated in this inappropriate misdirection of public funds. Tip: It's particularly powerful to research what public dollars may be flowing to anti-abortion pregnancy centers in your state, and call for an investigation into their use of taxpayer funds.

## **Host a speak-out/teach-in:**

If you have an anti-abortion pregnancy center in your area, you probably won't have to look far for someone who has been duped by them. If you can find multiple people, form a group and speak out about the anti-abortion pregnancy center's lies and predatory tactics! It's ok if you don't know anyone or they aren't comfortable speaking — hosting a community meeting, town hall, or another event to educate your community about anti-abortion pregnancy centers can help galvanize people, build power, share resources, and generate ideas to tackle the deception.



# BEST PRACTICES FOR PLANNING YOUR ACTION

Your community may have multiple anti-abortion pregnancy centers, or you may be lucky enough to have none, but chances are wherever you live, there's one not too far away. Some important things to think about for planning anti-abortion pregnancy center actions are:

Does your anti-abortion pregnancy center exist close to a real abortion provider?

It's a common strategy for anti-abortion pregnancy centers to try and confuse patients by opening near real clinics. If the two are in close proximity (like the same strip mall), it's best practice to let the clinic know you're interested in taking action, and heed their advice on whether or not that location is a good action site.

Is there street visibility for your action?

The best picket actions are ones people can see. If there's minimal traffic near the site, it may be best to choose one farther away that has a better chance to be seen by the community.

Does the anti-abortion pregnancy center co-locate with a maternity home or shelter?

There are ethical and security concerns of taking action at a location where vulnerable people may be housed. As a reproductive justice organization centering Black women and the right to parent, not to parent, and the right to raise families in safe and healthy environments free from oppression, Reproaction does not recommend protesting at locations where individuals in vulnerable situations during pregnancy are living.



Is there public transit to get to the location?

Make the action as accessible as possible to all volunteers, if there's no transit, consider how you can coordinate a carpool.

Are there public sidewalks, or is the center on private property?

Know the rules for demonstrating on public property in the city you're in. If the center is on private property and you enter it, or if there are local laws against demonstrations of a certain type or size, they may call the police to remove you. As a reproductive justice organization sensitive to racial oppression, we strongly advise minimizing the potential of interaction between activists and the police as you devise your plan.

Is the anti-abortion pregnancy center on the campus of or very near a school?

Similarly to considerations about public vs. private property, many schools have restrictions about who can demonstrate on their campus. When visiting an academic setting, particularly a university campus, consider consulting friendly student groups that already exist and encourage them to take action. If you do end up recruiting students, be sure to warn them about the tactics of anti-abortion pregnancy centers or other unfriendly student groups who may try to interrupt their action.

What accessibility constraints may your volunteers face?

Is there seating available? Is the ground level, paved, hilly? Will you use a megaphone? Build an action plan that includes everyone who may want to show up, regardless of how they do so. Additionally, follow health & safety guidelines including mask-wearing and social distancing where appropriate. For more discussion on the intersection of disability, abortion rights, and action, check out our [Act & Learn Webinar: Disability Rights & Reproductive Justice](#).



# AFTER ACTION

## 01 FOLLOW UP

**It's not just about the protest:** Applaud great actions from your group or partners in the movement, thank your press contacts, and keep the momentum going afterwards! It's easy to get activist burnout, especially when you're working against entrenched and doggedly-focused opponents like the anti-abortion crowd. Thank those that helped and empower your group to celebrate shared successes!

## 02 AMPLIFY YOUR WORK ON SOCIAL MEDIA

**"Pics or it didn't happen"** is true for a lot of things, and especially successful direct actions. You can prove your show of power (the opposition probably will try to diminish the event anyway) and shareable content like photos, videos, and livestreams can continue momentum for next time or pull in new people who see how much fun you had!

# SAMPLE LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## LTE Tips:

1. For local outlets, it's best to have a resident of the area pen a letter to the editor instead of an activist from outside the community.
2. Letters can, but don't have to be, responding to a press report that discusses the issue you'd like to comment on. If you're responding to an article, include the title and publication date when you submit your LTE.
3. Short and sweet letters are more likely to be published: check the outlet's guidelines, which should be posted on their website, but typically no more than 250 words is recommended.
4. Don't just state facts: make it personal. Why do you have a stake in this issue? What unique experience do you bring to their LTE page?
5. Need support with your LTE or looking for a sounding board? We're happy to help! Email Reproaction [reproaction@reproaction.org](mailto:reproaction@reproaction.org) and we'll direct you to the best assistance.

The below was written by a concerned North Carolinian and Reproaction supporter in The Charlotte Observer.

June 27, 2019

TO THE EDITOR: DON'T GIVE THESE 'CLINICS' TAX DOLLARS

Regarding "NC budget would quadruple money for anti-abortion group questioned on oversight" (June 21):

Our policymakers are gambling with my patients' welfare and public money by giving the anti-abortion chain Human Coalition a \$1.2 million grant in the state's budget. As an abortion clinic director, I know all too well that the truth behind these "clinics" is that they push stigma and deception, and the state's own auditors have determined this group hasn't met the terms of the money they've already taken from taxpayers. Human Coalition's tactics are deeply unethical and the organization's leadership has been marred by racist, sexist, anti-Semitic and otherwise off-color public statements, instances which on their own demand scrutiny from the Department of Health and Human Services and a discontinuation of their existing grant.

Calla Hales, Charlotte