

PRO-CHOICE  
VIRGINIA'S



2022

# LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD

Pro-Reproductive Freedom Senators: 19

Pro-Reproductive Freedom Delegates: 48

Bills defeated: 8



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## Dear friend,

We've been rocked by the Supreme Court's intentions to overturn Roe v. Wade. We are feeling shock, fear, anger, and grief. But what I want you to know is that our team is NOT giving up. We intend to keep Virginia a safe haven for people who need abortion care. We have made so much progress in the Commonwealth for reproductive freedom, and we will not go back. Not now. Not ever.

That is why it is so essential that you have this year's Legislative Scorecard. This will help you know where your delegate and state senator stand on protecting your fundamental human rights. Do they share your values and principles? Are they willing to stand up and fight for your reproductive rights?

The 2022 General Assembly session was tense. We, our coalition partners, and our legislative allies closely monitored bills that could be amended. We feared anti-abortion politicians would do what they did in 2011 and attach an anti-abortion amendment to an innocuous hospital code bill to circumvent committees and drive it to the floor where they likely had the votes to pass it. We tracked dozens of bills relating to nursing homes, telehealth, hospitals, etc., in preparation for such a scenario. We also watched the budget. Thankfully, none of our fears came to fruition this time.

Our Legislative Scorecard serves as a guide to show you, legislators, candidates, activists, and voters what it takes to be a champion for reproductive rights and freedom, to destigmatize abortion, birth control, and sex ed, and make sure they are accessible. It will also help you determine who deserves your vote on Election Day.

At this moment, Virginia is in a precarious position. Our rights now hang by a one-vote margin after losing our pro-reproductive freedom trifecta in November's elections. As you recall, we made significant advances for abortion access during the two years of the pro-reproductive freedom trifecta by repealing some of the most burdensome and medically unnecessary restrictions on abortion in the Virginia code. We were well on our way to being a safe haven. But with our recent political and judicial setbacks, we cannot take our rights and access for granted. We must hold our elected leaders accountable and make sure they know where we stand on these most fundamental human rights.

With Roe all but gone, our state-based work is more critical than ever. Every day, we must work together to preserve and advance reproductive freedom for every Virginian. We must also be a refuge for those who will lose their rights in other states. We cannot fail. We will not.

**Keep fighting,**  
**Tarina Keene, Executive Director**

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# BILLS SCORED AND DESCRIPTIONS

## Mandated, Biased Counseling of Pregnant People

(Delegate Karen Greenhalgh, HB212) - A bill that would have required abortion providers to give their patients state-mandated biased, stigmatizing, medically inaccurate "counseling."

## Interference in Family Medical Decisions

(Delegate Nick Freitas, HB304) - A bill that would have allowed politicians to directly interfere in the doctor-patient relationship by forcing medical providers to apply a one-size-fits-all approach to their pregnant patients.

## Personhood Bills

(Delegate Rob Bell, HB744 + Senator Mark Obenshain, SB122) - These bills established personhood rights for the fetus and would have further criminalized abortion by making any person who "kills the fetus of another intentionally or accidentally guilty of voluntary manslaughter."

## 20-Week Abortion Ban

(Senator Amanda Chase, SB710) - A bill that would have outlawed abortion after 20-weeks gestation with only a "life" endangerment of the pregnant person exception.

## Renaming the Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

(Delegate Nick Freitas, HB1300) - A bill that would have taken "Equity" out of the Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and replaced it with "Opportunity," changing the scope of the job to include being "an ambassador for unborn children."

## Censoring Healthcare Information for Minors

(Delegate Kathy Byron, HB156) - A bill that would have censored the information that the Department of Health could share with minors regarding sexual health and education.

## Parental Consent Requirement for Family Life Programs

(Delegate Dave LaRock, HB789) - A bill that would have prohibited students from participating in Family Life Education programs and resources offered by VDH contractors without parental consent and required that a summary of the curriculum be distributed to parents.

## Required Notification of Sexual Education Materials

(Delegate Tara Durant, HB1009 + Senator Siobhan Dunnavant, SB656) - A bill that would have required parents be notified of any "sexually explicit education materials" and provide an alternative education program.

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## Scoring Criteria

Pro-Choice Virginia (PCVA) enhanced its scorecard criteria in 2020. The new criteria includes both the votes cast during the 2022 legislative session, their engagement on the reproductive rights during session and the 2021 election cycle, and a legislator's overall history supporting reproductive rights and access.

Our goal is to celebrate lawmakers who go above and beyond just casting the right vote, but who take additional strides by standing up and speaking out publicly and proudly for reproductive freedom, which includes - but is not limited to - abortion, birth control, pregnancy discrimination, maternal health, paid leave, etc.

The goal is for every legislator to be a **Champion** for reproductive freedom as we strive to combat shame and stigma, particularly around abortion, and work to strengthen support and access for reproductive health, rights, and justice for each and every Virginian.

 It is more important than ever that our legislative allies not only take action to stop anti-abortion attacks but also use their platforms to **speak up boldly for abortion rights**. That's why we are giving extra recognition to legislators who advocate for abortion rights in speeches on the House or Senate floor, events, etc. It's never a bad time to show support for reproductive freedom!

## Scoring

### Grade/Designation

### Description

#### A+ - Champion

A legislator who has demonstrated bold leadership on PCVA's legislative agenda and works in partnership with us to advance our shared goal to improve access to abortion, birth control, and comprehensive, medically accurate sex ed. They never miss an opportunity to show their support for reproductive freedom.

#### A - Leader

A legislator who consistently supports our legislative agenda, co-patrons proactive bills protecting access to safe, legal abortion, reproductive healthcare, and comprehensive sex education. They occasionally take opportunities to speak out on reproductive freedom.

#### B - Ally

A legislator who mostly votes in favor of abortion and other reproductive healthcare services but not all of their votes are consistent with PCVA's values. They generally also do not publicly show their support.

#### C/D - Challenger






A legislator who opposes the right to abortion through their votes, patrons/co-patrons bills, and publicly with their words. However, they may support birth control access and/or comprehensive sexual education initiatives.

#### F - Opponent

A legislator who vocally opposes and/or advocates against abortion rights and access and/or votes consistently against PCVA's values and patrons legislation restricting abortion and reproductive healthcare and education.

# Senate Scores

## A+ - Champions

George Barker	A+	Mamie Locke 	A+
John Bell	A+	Louise Lucas 	A+
Jennifer Boysko 	A+	Jennifer McClellan 	A+
Adam Ebbin	A+	Jeremy McPike	A+
Barbara Favola 	A+	Richard "Dick" Saslaw	A+
Ghazala Hashmi 	A+	Lionell Spruill, Sr.	A+
Janet Howell 	A+		

## A-B - Leaders & Allies

Creigh Deeds	A	Scott Surovell	A
John Edwards	A	Lynwood Lewis, Jr.	B
David Marsden	A	Chap Petersen	B
Monty Mason	A		

## C/D - Challengers

Bill DeSteph	C	Siobhan Dunnavant, M.D.	D
Emmett Hanger, Jr.	C	Thomas Norment, Jr.	D
Ryan McDougale	D	Todd Pillion	D
John Cosgrove, Jr.	D	Richard Stuart	D
Stephen Newman	D	Jill Holtzman Vogel	D


## F - Opponents

Amanda Chase	F	Bryce Reeves	F
Travis Hackworth	F	Frank Ruff, Jr.	F
Jen Kiggans	F	Mark Peake	F
Joseph Morrissey	F	William Stanley, Jr.	F
Mark Obenshain	F	David Suetterlein	F

View full scoring at [bit.ly/2022ScorecardScores](https://bit.ly/2022ScorecardScores)

# Delegate Scores

## A+ - Champions

Elizabeth Bennett-Parker	A+	Patrick Hope	A+	Briana Sewell	A+
Jeffrey Bourne	A+	Sally Hudson 	A+	Irene Shin	A+
Eileen Filler-Corn	A+	Mark Keam	A+	Marcus Simon 	A+
Jackie Glass	A+	Kaye Kory 	A+	Shelly Simonds	A+
Wendy Gooditis	A+	Alfonso Lopez	A+	Suhas Subramanyam	A+
Elizabeth Guzman	A+	Michael Mullin	A+	Luke Torian	A+
Dan Helmer 	A+	Marcia Price	A+	Kathy Tran	A+
Charniele Herring 	A+	Don Scott, Jr.	A+	Schuyler VanValkenburg	A+

## A-B - Leaders & Allies

Dawn Adams	A	Paul Krizek	A	Danica Roem	A
Lamont Bagby	A	Michelle Maldonado	A	Mark Sickles	A
Betsy Carr	A	Delores McQuinn	A	Richard Sullivan, Jr.	A
Nadarius Clark	A	Candi Mundon King	A	Jeion Ward	A
Kelly Convirs-Fowler	A	Kathleen Murphy	A	Vivian Watts	A
Karrie Delaney	A	Kenneth Plum	A	Rodney Willett	A
Cliff Hayes, Jr.	A	Sam Rasoul	A	Angelia Williams Graves	A
Clinton Jenkins	A	David Reid	A	David Bulova	B

## C/D - Challengers

Carrie Coyner	C	Keith Hodges	D	Israel O'Quinn	D
Tim Anderson	D	Barry Knight	D	Kim Taylor	D
Amanda Batten	D	James Leftwich Jr.	D	Otto Wachsmann Jr.	D
Robert Bloxom Jr.	D	Daniel Marshall III	D	William Wampler III	D
Mike Cherry	D	Joseph McNamara	D	Lee Ware	D
Glenn Davis, Jr.	D	Will Morefield	D	Scott Wyatt	D
James Edmunds II	D				

## F - Opponents

Leslie Adams	F	Buddy Fowler Jr.	F	Chris Runion	F
Terry Austin	F	Nick Freitas	F	Phillip Scott	F
John Avoli	F	Todd Gilbert	F	Anne Ferrell Tata	F
Jason Ballard	F	Karen Greenhalgh	F	Wendell Walker	F
Robert Bell	F	Chris Head	F	Michael Webert	F
Emily Brewer	F	Terry Kilgore	F	Bill Wiley	F
Kathy Byron	F	David LaRock	F	Wren Williams	F
Jeffrey Campbell	F	Marie March	F	Tony Wilt	F
Ronnie Campbell	F	John McGuire III	F	Thomas Wright Jr.	F
A.C. Cordoza	F	Robert Orrock Sr.	F		
Tara Durant	F	Margaret Ransone	F		
Matthew Fariss	F	Roxann Robinson	F		

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## ADVOCACY AND NEXT STEPS

Our advocacy work during the 2022 General Assembly session was significantly impacted by the 2021 General Election, which flipped all three statewide offices to anti-abortion politicians. We also lost our reproductive freedom majority in the House of Delegates which is now 52-48.

We did not let this unfortunate loss slow our momentum, though. We went into session ready to fight, protect, and win against anti-abortion legislation. And we did just that.

Anti-abortion politicians introduced **over a dozen anti-reproductive health bills** in the GA. These bills focused on everything from a complete abortion ban later in pregnancy to censoring reproductive healthcare information for minors. Fortunately, we defeated all but one, thanks to our volunteers, partners, and pro-reproductive freedom legislators.

### Repro on the Record

With the persistence of COVID, the General Assembly has moved to a hybrid model for receiving testimony, accepting both in-person and virtual testimony on bills.

Our approach to storytelling in this context is to create a supportive network and a safe space for folks to be able to share their stories with each other and potentially with legislators or publish in media pieces.

Become a storyteller: [bit.ly/ProChoiceStorytelling](https://bit.ly/ProChoiceStorytelling)

### Legislative Rapid Response Team

We have grown our Legislative Rapid Response Team (LRRT) to **205** participants this year, our largest team ever. LRRT is tasked with contacting members of committees and subcommittees where our priority pieces of legislation are heard.

#### 2022 LRRT successes:

- 840 emails sent to legislators
- 123 tweets at legislators
- 2 people testified in committee hearings (both virtual and in-person)
- 32 pieces of written testimony submitted
- 3 Tweet & Teas held
- 1 Testimony Writing Party held

Sign up for LRRT alerts:  
[bit.ly/PCVA\\_LRRT2022](https://bit.ly/PCVA_LRRT2022)

Overall, we faced the challenges of the 2022 Legislative Session head-on. Through collaboration, innovation, and tenacity, we kept the pressure on legislators and defeated some terrible pieces of anti-abortion legislation.

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# WHAT'S NEXT?

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As always, Pro-Choice Virginia is committed to protecting and expanding access to abortion for all Virginians. But we are in for the fight of our lives.

In May of 2022, the Supreme Court leaked its opinion on *Roe v. Wade* and solidified its intention to overturn 50 years of precedent. We have been preparing for this day and knew it would come, but it does not make this injustice any less devastating or terrifying.

So, we are gearing up for a battle.

The future of abortion access is uncertain, but there's still **hope**. Together, with you, our supporters, advocates, and legislative champions and allies, we can come together and protect and expand access to abortion in the Commonwealth and be a safe haven for those who seek care from around the country until our rights are secured permanently.

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