

Dear _____,

As a New Yorker and your constituent, I am concerned about the obstacles women may face while attempting to access services at reproductive health clinics in New York City. While I recognize the importance of protecting the free speech rights of anti-abortion protestors, many of their actions, such as blocking clinic entrances and exits and harassing women in need of services and medical staff, go beyond peaceful demonstration, threatening the safety of those going to a clinic and denying women the right to reproductive health care. It is for this reason that I strongly support the Clinic Access Bill (Proposed Int. No. 826) and urge you to do the same.

The Clinic Access Bill will strengthen the existing clinic access law by prohibiting persons from knowingly obstructing or blocking the entrances, exits, driveways, and parking lots of a reproductive health care facility; by creating a fifteen-foot area around a reproductive health care facility in which persons may not follow or intimidate any individual or place an individual in fear of physical harm; and by making it easier to enforce the law and prosecute those who violate it.

The Clinic Access Bill (Proposed Int. No. 826) is vital to ensuring the right to access reproductive health care services. Your support for the Clinic Access Bill will be an important step towards making New York City a place where women seeking reproductive health care and medical staff providing that service are guaranteed protection from harm and harassment, while still upholding First Amendment Rights.

Sincerely,
