

UU Justice PA supports Reproductive Justice for All

Although UUJusticePA is a 'state' advocacy organization, we are outraged about Texas Bill SB8 which bans abortions at 6 weeks (before most know they are pregnant) and allows no exceptions in cases of rape or incest.

This bill is unique in that it bypasses legal oversight by deputizing any citizen to sue anyone who aids in an abortion, from doctors to cab drivers to friends and family. And worse, it allows a \$10,000 award plus court costs to anyone successful in their suit. Encouraging bounty hunters and pitting neighbor against neighbor, SB8 is one of the most cynical and frightening state bills ever written. The Supreme Court's allowing this bill to take effect before a full hearing takes place (despite it breaking 50 years of precedents) is equally very worrying.

Pennsylvanians must understand that our own state legislature is poised to introduce copy-cat legislation. We must also grasp the interconnection between reproductive justice issues and all other justice issues that UUJusticePA supports. People of color, immigrants, prisoners, families living below the poverty line or housed in environmentally unsafe areas, and any other vulnerable members of our society, are affected more than those of us who have access to stable income, housing and support networks.

UU's must not only speak out loudly about those most affected but it's important to also emphasize the immorality of making a rape/incest victim carry a baby to term and the suffering that child might endure; forcing a decision on a family that cannot afford another child; or insisting a severely disabled or even dead fetus be carried to term regardless of the heartbreak and harm done to the grieving parent and family.

ACTION:

- Attend a march for reproductive justice on October 2 (find one online or on the facebook page "March for Women")
- Write to your legislators expressing your concerns
- Pay attention to UUJPA alerts re: upcoming lobby days and legislation

**LETS ACT ON OUR UU PRINCIPLES AND STAND UP FOR
JUSTICE FOR ALL.**