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An open letter from supporters of reproductive rights



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To Supporters of Reproductive Rights,

We write as longtime supporters of reproductive rights to celebrate the fact that in this election **both candidates for Illinois Governor are pro-choice.**

Bruce Rauner battled through a close Republican primary with a clear, consistent position on reproductive rights:

"It's a decision that should be made by a woman with her physician, her family or minister, not by government."

– NBC Chicago Republican Primary Debate, 3/4/14

The only difference between Bruce Rauner and Pat Quinn on reproductive rights is the issue of parental notification. **Pat Quinn opposes parental notification, and Bruce Rauner favors it.** Voters can decide for themselves whether they stand with Rauner or Quinn on parental notification, while knowing that both candidates have promised to protect the current status of reproductive rights in our state.

Supporters of reproductive rights should be thrilled that both the Republican and Democratic candidates are pro-choice. Having a pro-choice Republican candidate is a major advance for our issue here in Illinois and nationwide.

Bipartisan support for reproductive rights is essential to their survival, and we hope Illinois sets an example for other states.

Reproductive rights, access to women's health needs, and women's rights will not have to be contested in this election. This is as it should be: women's rights should not be a partisan issue. **Voters will be free to select their candidate based on the many other important issues facing our state.**

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