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Dear friend of reproductive justice,

Abortion rights are under unprecedented attack — with vicious rollbacks in many states and the very real possibility that Roe v. Wade could be overturned when the U.S. Supreme Court rules on Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization in Mississippi.

Please join Radical Women and other community organizations in building a calendar of coordinated actions for reproductive justice on October 3. That is the date in 1977 when Rosie Jiménez became the first person known to have died of a back-alley abortion after the Hyde Amendment denied federal funds for the procedure. October is also when the U.S. Supreme Court is expected to hear the Mississippi case. A large number of well-publicized actions across the country with a coordinated calendar and theme will show the intensity of public support for every person’s right to control their own body. Each local organizing group can decide the approach and focus of their particular action — a march, a Zoom conversation, a film showing — you name it.
There has been an exciting response from groups and individuals around the country who want to be part of this effort. Together, we have shaped the following demands and focus:

**Remember Rosie Jiménez**

**National Mobilization for Reproductive Justice**

*Rally – March – Speak Out – Take Action*

- Protect & expand *Roe v. Wade*; safe, legal abortion on demand without apology
- Repeal the Hyde Amendment
- Overturn state barriers to reproductive choices
- Stop forced sterilization
- No to caged kids, forced assimilation, & child welfare abuses
- End medical & environmental racism; for universal healthcare
- Defend queer & trans families
- Guarantee medically sound sex education & affordable childcare
- Uphold social progress with expanded voting rights & strong unions

Please talk to your group about coming on as an endorser. Endorsers are asked to support the demands, publicize and promote the campaign, and participate in a local action to the best of their ability. [Download the endorsement form here](#) and send in as soon as possible so we can add your name to the beautiful poster designed by Bay Area artist Marcelo Potosí.

Join with others to shape and build a massive chorus of voices for reproductive justice on Sunday, October 3. **Contact me to discuss the campaign** and let me know if your group would like endorse and participate. I look forward to hearing from you. I can be reached at: 206-985-4621 or radicalwomenus@gmail.com.
You or a representative of your group are invited to participate in the national Zoom meetings to build the coordinated effort on Sunday, September 12 and Sunday, September 26 at 3pm PT/5pm CT/6pm ET.

In solidarity,

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