



Advocacy Update

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***Roe v. Wade* Anniversary**

Yesterday marked the 40th anniversary of the landmark Supreme Court case *Roe v. Wade*. This decision drastically changed the reproductive health landscape in our country, legalizing abortion for the first time. However, the legacy of *Roe v. Wade* is in danger. There are attempts every year to limit a woman's right to choose – a crucial right that we must continue to work to protect and defend.

See the [WRJ blog](#) for information about what you can do at home to commemorate the anniversary, and check back throughout the week for our “4 Voices on the 40th” series about how *Roe* has impacted members of our community and society.

Protecting Women in Immigration Reform

In his inaugural address, President Obama reaffirmed his commitment made countless times over the past year to prioritize immigration reform in the coming term. It is essential as we move forward on immigration reform (a [key WRJ priority](#)) that we ensure the continued and special protection of immigrant women.

To that end, WRJ has signed on to a Statement of Principles on Women and Immigration Reform put together by the National Coalition for Immigrant Women's Rights (NCIWR) calling on policymakers to ensure that immigration reform is inclusive of and responsive to the unique needs and concerns of women. Reproductive and sexual health, as well as economic security and sensitivity to LGBT women and families, are highlighted.

WRJ in the News

Once WRJ adopts a policy position with a resolution, we actively work to advocate for that position when the opportunity arises. Sadly, the issue of gun violence has been at the forefront of the news lately and has provided numerous opportunities for WRJ to join with others in the faith community to stand up for more rational policies. Click below to read several articles about WRJ's recent public statements and actions:

- [Jewish religious, lay leaders join call to ban assault weapons](#)
- [Faith Community Targets Guns](#)

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