

# Abortion Rights Are Disability Rights!

**Abortion supports disabled people's autonomy.** Access to all reproductive health care options empowers people to make decisions about their bodies and futures. People with disabilities have been and continue to be systematically denied this right because of forced sterilization, limits on marriage, restrictive conservatorships, and institutionalization. Ensuring access to abortion protects our freedom to make our own choices about our bodies, our futures, and our families.

**Abortion is essential health care.** Abortion can save a person's life when they experience medical complications during pregnancy. People with disabilities are just as likely to become pregnant as non-disabled people but are at higher risk of serious medical complications. Right now, disabled people are 11 times more likely to die during childbirth. Access to potentially life-saving emergency abortion care is essential for us.

## Abortion is On the Ballot in Montana!

**CI-128:** Enshrine the right to abortion up to viability (usually ~24 weeks of pregnancy) in the Montana state constitution. Exception to the viability limit to protect the health or life of the pregnant person.

**Current abortion policy:** Abortion protected up to viability. Montana Supreme Court recognized the right to “procreative autonomy” in 2022.

**Voter registration deadlines:**

**October 7**

by mail

**November 5**

in-person

