

## **ON BEACON HILL**

**Planned Parenthood Advocacy Fund (PPAF) Legislative Agenda:** The sweeping loss of abortion access following the *Dobbs* decision is a national public health crisis.

To ensure Massachusetts is a beacon for reproductive freedom and a place where all can seek sexual and reproductive health care without fear or shame, **our legislative agenda is unapologetically intersectional and focuses on three priorities:** 

- 1 Improving patient care and maternal health outcomes
- 2 Expanding access to abortion and other sexual and reproductive health care
- 3 Eliminating systemic and racial inequities so that all Massachusetts residents can live healthy lives

## IN COALITION

PPAF works in coalition with other organizations to build coordinated legislative campaigns, convene spaces for local activists to organize, and provide resources and guidance to partners fighting for the same goals. In the two years since the Dobbs decision, PPAF's advocacy in coalition has secured legislative advances including codifying provider protections, requiring insurance to cover abortion care, and steps to make medication abortion and emergency contraception more accessible, especially for college students.

# FIGHTING FOR ALL

PPAF has a regional organizing approach and sustains multiple constituency organizing programs that mobilize BIPOC communities and student activists to bring stakeholders together, share their unique perspectives, and build power to address the issues that matter most to them. These programs include:

- Raíz Program;
- Generation Action Campus Organizing Chapters; and
- Speakers Bureau Program.



# **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

## • 2020

**The ROE Act:** codifies the right to abortion in Massachusetts, allows young adults 16 and older to access abortion without a judge or parent's permission, and improves access to abortion later in pregnancy.

#### 2022

**10,000 supporters mobilized for Bans Off Our Bodies Day of Action** within two weeks of the *Dobbs* decision leak.

PPAF and the Beyond Roe Coalition successfully advocated for passage of a new reproductive health care law that protects reproductive health and gender-affirming care providers and makes abortion and other sexual and reproductive health care – including emergency contraception – more affordable and accessible in the wake of the overturn of Roe v. Wade.

#### 2023

MassHealth significantly increased reimbursement rates for patient care, a major win for PPLM's ability to keep care accessible for patients.

#### **2024**

Our advocacy helped to secure first-ever funding for:

- Abortion providers and abortion access funds in the Massachusetts state budget
- A first-in-the-nation state-funded public awareness campaign about the dangers of anti-abortion crisis pregnancy centers.

## **Insurance Coverage of Doula Services**

MassHealth announced coverage of doula services for pregnant, birthing, and postpartum members.