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Dear President Shuler,

I write to you as the President of the Minnesota Nurses Association (MNA) to reinforce our union’s support for an AFL-CIO-sponsored national conference on reproductive justice. With 22,000 members, the Minnesota Nurses Association (MNA) is the leading voice for professional nursing in the State of Minnesota. As leaders in labor and health care, we are a voice for frontline hospital nurses around the state who strongly support evidence-based health policy that enables patients to access healthcare, including reproductive health care.

MNA is one of the over 24 unions, six state or county labor councils, national CLUW, and hundreds of unionists across the USA who signed on to this call put forward by the National Mobilization for Reproductive Justice. I urge you to bring a proposal for a reproductive justice conference to an upcoming meeting of the AFL-CIO National Executive Committee.

As people are prosecuted for miscarriages, doctors are scared to provide necessary medical interventions, and pregnant people are dying or experiencing terrible health issues due to policy changes across the nation after the Dobbs decisions, nurses stand strong in support that healthcare decisions should be made between patients and healthcare providers. The status of many state laws, policy, and court decisions cause inequal health disparities and patient harm. MNA calls for Labor to stand together for change.

To roll back assaults on reproductive choice, the movement needs the power that only Labor can bring to bear. Unions have an important role to play in ensuring that all workers have the right to make personal healthcare decisions without the interference of the state. It is an issue important to young people, women, and the LGBTQ+ and BIPOC communities. In other words, those who are among the strongest advocates in Labor today. A national reproductive justice conference would help strengthen the movement for abortion rights in addition to building the fighting wing of the Labor movement.

I look forward to your response. You can reach me at [chris.rubesch@mnnurses.org](mailto:chris.rubesch@mnnurses.org).

In solidarity,

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