

California
Freethought Day

AB-1666

Protecting Those Seeking Abortions in California and their Providers from State Lawsuits

Position: Support

Secular Advocate Talking Points

- We believe in the fundamental human right to bodily autonomy, including the right of an individual to make personal reproductive decisions, including abortion, without interference from her employer, the government, religious institutions, or provider.
- We are alarmed that a narrow Christian view on abortion is being imposed on all Americans, of all faiths and none, by the Supreme Court's conservative Christian majority, overturning decades of precedent and undermining the constitutional separation of church and state.
- Without sufficient protection, providers in California could be sued and potentially put out of business for providing necessary medical care for those from other states.
- With a pending decision that could overturn Roe v. Wade, the passing of this bill is urgent.
- Texas and other states draconian laws have very broad definitions for "aid and abet," making virtually anyone even considering helping someone who wants an abortion subject to legal action.
- This potential legal threat from other states' laws will have a chilling effect. We must pass these protections to ensure that providers, organizations and individuals working to help people traveling to our state in need of care can do so without fear of being held criminally liable.