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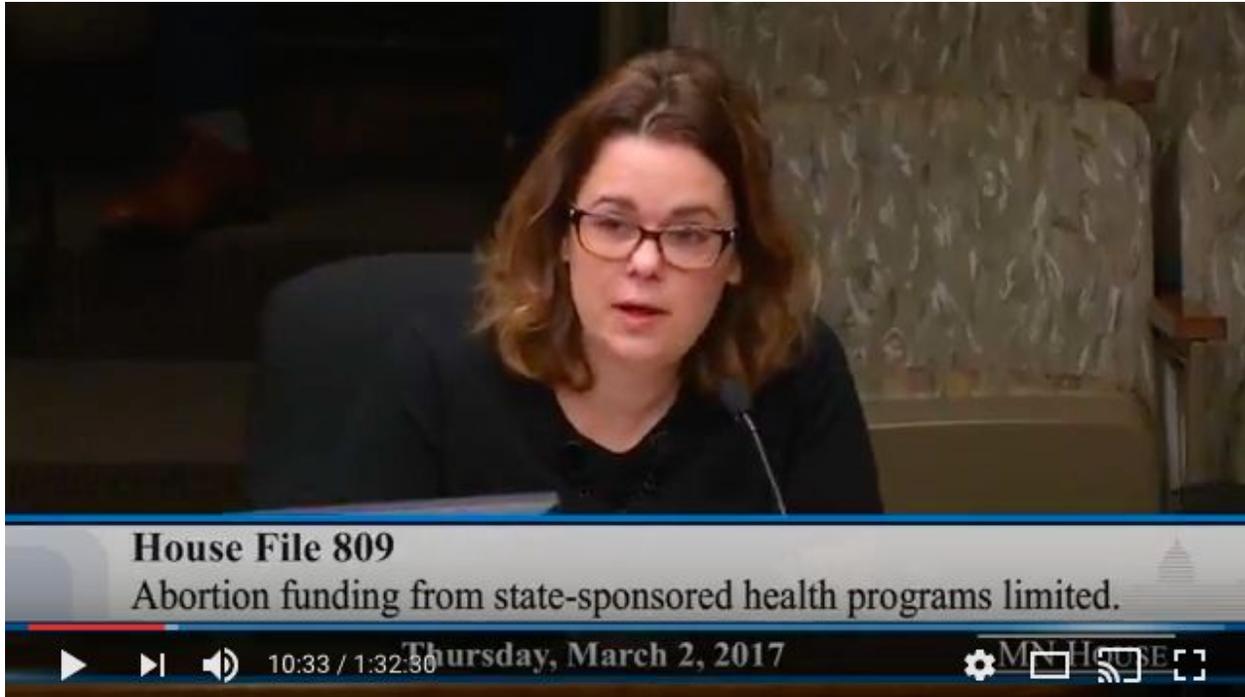


Your fundraising efforts and general awesomeness are helping make this a record setting year of PCR's Bowl-A-Thon. **We as a community have registered more teams and fundraised faster than any year in PCR's Bowl-A-Thon history.**

However, remember that email titled "[A long time ago, in a Galactic Bowl far far away...](#)"? (or for folks who have recently registered, this was the Bowl-A-Thon theme announcement back on 2/9) Remember the part of the parody where we said, "The forces of oppression, obsessed with controlling the uterus, have dispatched hundreds of restrictions on abortion care for state legislatures to pass throughout the far reaches of space..."? Well brave pilots, explorers, and adventurers of the Resistance, those restrictions have shown up in force at the MN legislature.

Below is a video of the House Health and Human Services Reform Committee hearing on 3/2/17 where two discriminatory and unconstitutional bills were passed (which is the third time these bills have been heard and passed in Senate or House committees in 10 days):

- The first is [HF 809](#) which would strip coverage of abortion care from Minnesota Medical Assistance. This targets low-income communities who access medical care through Medical Assistance, and is [unconstitutional due to the Minnesota Supreme court case Doe v. Gomez](#) in which PCR was a plaintiff.
- The second is [HF 812](#) which would impose ambulatory surgical center standards on abortion care clinics. This bill would put 4 out of 5 clinics providing abortion care in MN out of business, and is clearly unconstitutional due to [Whole Woman's Health v Hellerstedt](#).



We are sharing this video to inform you and to add another galactic energy source to your stigma-busting fundraising fuel supplies. If you run into any asteroid fields or space anomalies on your journey to your fundraising goal, just watch this video, refuel, re-chart your course, and blast forward with more creative fundraising and clever costume designs.

To feel empowered by voices speaking to Reproductive Freedom and Justice, I recommend starting at these points: 22:55; 37:16; 1:00:00; 1:20:00, or watch our [Executive Director Karen Law testify at an earlier Senate committee hearing \(start at 14:02\)](#).

To watch the effects of anger, fear, and aggression in the form of reproductive oppression, which then you can transform into hope and commitment to justice through fundraising, start at: 25:16; 44:19; 1:14:40; or [check out the beginning of the second half of the hearing](#).

Our fundraising contest this week will also be about fueling our fundraising and stigma-busting engines through building Galactic Reproductive Freedom Resistance connectivity. We are proud to announce the launch of the [Galactic Bowl Facebook event page](#), and we are asking you all to take to Facebook and other social media sites to amplify the awesomeness of our community and this movement. Acts of amplification between 12:01am 3/3 and 11:59pm 3/9 will be rewarded with one entry into the contest, and here are the specific acts we'll be tracking:

- Click "Going" on the [Galactic Bowl Facebook Event Page](#).
- Share a fundraising idea on the [Galactic Bowl Facebook Event Page](#) (we have to approve all posts so don't be surprised if it doesn't show right away).

- Post a “preview” picture of your team’s costumes for this year on the [Galactic Bowl Facebook Event Page](#).
- Make a fundraising ask on Twitter or Facebook and include the hashtag #PCRBowl.
- Take a screenshot of a fundraising ask on another social media platform using the hashtag #PCRBowl and email it to us.
- For non-social media people, please email us a costume picture or fundraising idea to post on the Galactic Bowl Facebook Event Page, and you’ll get an entry (please note that your idea or picture may or may not get posted due to our organizational capacity, and we reserve the right to post only content which fits with and promotes the mission of our organization, but you will still be entered into the contest).

The prize is a week made easier with some free groceries, better known as a \$50 gift certificate to the Seward Community Co-op.

For tips on fundraising, keep your eyes on our Galactic Bowl Facebook event page and

- Read this handy [Bowl-A-Thon Fundraising Guide](#)
- [Check out the Fundraising section on the Bowl-A-Thon about page.](#)
- [Use this fact sheet to strengthen your fundraising asks](#)

Lastly, if you are collecting offline donations, [download this handy dandy offline donation form](#) and turn it and your donations in when you come to the Bowl-A-Thon.

The Staff at Pro-Choice Resources

P.S. Congratulations to Susan Schumacher who won 2 tickets to any St. Paul Saints game this summer.