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# WOMEN'S ISSUES

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Over half of North Carolinians are women, yet the legislature has not supported bills that would give women equal rights, fair wages, personal healthcare choices, protection from gender-based violence, or workplace protections.

- Since 2011, the [GOP has enacted state-level restrictions](#) to reproductive freedom, including a 72-hour waiting period, state-directed counseling, and forced ultrasounds.
- After passing laws to [withhold funding from Planned Parenthood and decrease access to women's reproductive health services](#), they voted to [provide tax dollars to anti-abortion "health centers"](#) that have been shown to provide inaccurate and misleading information about abortion, contraception, and sexuality.
- Sen. Jeff Jackson introduced the Revoke Consent for Intercourse bill (S553) which would make it a crime to continue with a sex act after consent is withdrawn. Despite North Carolina being the [only state in the country](#) where women are not legally allowed to revoke consent for sex, S553 hasn't made it out of the Rules Committee. The GOP should respect that ["no means no"](#) whenever no is stated.
- In 2017, Democrats filed [H334, the Families' Stabilization Act](#), which would close the gender wage gap. The bill is still buried in committee.