



STATE OF NEW YORK
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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ATTORNEY GENERAL

DIVISION OF SOCIAL JUSTICE
CIVIL RIGHTS BUREAU

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Dear Chief Executive Officer:

The New York State Office of the Attorney General is committed to protecting the civil rights of New Yorkers and ensuring compliance with those laws that guarantee full and safe access to reproductive health care services. In light of the recent events at a Planned Parenthood clinic in Colorado Springs, I am writing to underscore our continued commitment to enforcement of those federal, state and local laws that ensure patient and staff access to facilities that provide reproductive health services across New York State.

As a result of violence and threats of violence at reproductive health facilities around the nation, federal and state laws prohibit activity that constitutes an act of force, a threat of force, or an act of physical obstruction. My office is committed to upholding these laws to ensure that all New Yorkers have continuous access to a full range of health care services. My office has taken action to protect reproductive rights in several areas. Most recently, my office secured a modified court order protecting a Planned Parenthood site in Utica in response to threatening and obstructive action by protesters.

We stand ready to take action necessary to ensure that New York State residents have full and safe access to necessary reproductive health care services. If you become aware of potential violations of the state's clinic protection laws or if you believe that clinic staff, patients, or other persons are victims of unlawful harassment at reproductive health clinics in New York State, please contact your local law enforcement agency and contact the Civil Rights Bureau of my office to make a complaint. To make a report, please call us at (212) 416-8250 or send an email to Civil.Rights@ag.ny.gov.

I thank you for your ongoing efforts to provide important health services for the women of the State of New York.

Sincerely,

Eric T. Schneiderman