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San Diego City Council Shows Support for Rep. Jacobs' "My Body, My Data Act"

Today, the Council approved a resolution in support of Jacobs' bill, which seeks to protect the privacy, data, and safety of patients seeking reproductive healthcare.

SAN DIEGO – Today, the San Diego City Council voted 8-0 on [A Resolution of The Council of the City of San Diego Declaring Support for Rep. Jacobs' "My Body, My Data" Act to Protect the Privacy, Data, and Safety of People Seeking Reproductive Health Care](#). The resolution was brought forward by Councilmembers Jennifer Campbell and Marni von Wilpert.

"I'm so grateful for the San Diego City Council's support of my bill, the 'My Body, My Data Act,' to create a new national standard to protect reproductive and sexual health data. Now that the Supreme Court has overturned *Roe v. Wade*, it's up to all of us – at every level of government – to protect reproductive rights, including abortion access and privacy of our reproductive and sexual health data," said Congresswoman Sara Jacobs. **"It's unconscionable that this information could be sold to the highest bidder, turned over to the government and weaponized against us, and especially against low-income people and people of color who will be most impacted now that *Roe* is overturned."**

On June 16, 2022, Rep. Sara Jacobs introduced the "My Body, My Data Act," which will protect the privacy, data, and safety of patients seeking reproductive health care. Fear and privacy concerns should never stand in the way of patients accessing health care, including people seeking reproductive health care or access to abortion.

Passage of this resolution declares the City's strong support for Rep. Jacobs' bill. Several councilmembers and other regional leaders shared their support for the resolution and Rep. Jacobs' bill:

County of San Diego Board of Supervisors Vice Chair Nora Vargas

"A tool that is supposed to help you as a woman keep track of something as basic as your period can be potentially weaponized against us. We must be vigilant and stay one step ahead to ensure we protect reproductive health care. I strongly support Congresswoman Jacobs' 'My Body, My Data' Act because it recognizes and protects reproductive rights in our digital space and within our digital lives."

Councilmember Jennifer Campbell

"The recent overturning of *Roe v. Wade* by the Supreme Court has left millions of Americans unprotected including from having their medical data searched by those who would misuse it. This data can potentially be used to incriminate women who skip a period but are not pregnant."

Councilmember Stephen Whitburn

"Today, we voiced our strong support for Congresswoman Jacobs' 'My Body, My Data Act,' which will protect the privacy of any woman seeking reproductive healthcare. A woman should not have to live in fear of a breach in privacy. I am proud to support this important piece of legislation ... we are in this fight together!"

Council President Pro Tem Monica Montgomery Steppe

"Data privacy is an essential element in the fight for reproductive healthcare rights. I'm proud to support the 'My Body, My Data Act' because it establishes proper oversight for the potential use of surveillance data while protecting our most vulnerable communities."

Councilmember Marni von Wilpert

"In a post-Roe world, we must do everything possible to prevent any local, state, or federal government from weaponizing online reproductive health care data and stop rogue companies from selling that private data to the highest bidder. I'm proud to support the 'My Body, My Data Act' championed by Congresswoman Sara Jacobs to take the first step in protecting reproductive health care data for all Americans."

Planned Parenthood of the Pacific Southwest

"Planned Parenthood of the Pacific Southwest is so grateful to our San Diego representatives for taking the initiative to protect reproductive and sexual health information. We believe that everyone deserves to make their own personal health decisions and have access to high-quality, compassionate abortion care, no matter who they are or where they live. As the second-largest city in California, it's crucial for San Diego to protect the right to privacy for all people seeking reproductive health care. We are thankful to all of our elected officials who have been strong and supportive champions of reproductive health and rights."

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