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Dear Senator,

The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, a coalition of more than 240 national organizations committed to promoting and protecting the civil and human rights of all persons in the United States, urges you to support <u>S. 4381</u>, the Right to Contraception Act, when the bill reaches the Senate floor. Access to contraception is under attack at the federal and state level, and this legislation would establish both a statutory right for people to access and utilize contraception, and a corresponding right for providers to provide contraception.

Birth control is safe, effective, and an important part of the full spectrum of sexual and reproductive health care. Removing barriers to birth control so that people can plan, space, and prevent pregnancies is of critical importance for their economic security. Efforts to impede access to contraception or related information or services will prevent people from making decisions about their own bodies, lives, and futures. This will cause disproportionate harm to those who already experience barriers to health care access, including communities of color, LGBTQI+ people, people with low incomes, people with disabilities, and other marginalized communities. Due to a long history of racial violence, lack of bodily autonomy, and reproductive injustice, disparities in health care access and outcomes exist for these communities. This legislation represents an important step toward addressing these systemic inequities in our health care system.

Please help protect the essential right to obtain contraceptives. The Leadership Conference intends to include your position on S. 4381 in our voting record for the 118th Congress. Please reach out to Peggy Ramin, senior policy counsel, at ramin@civilrights.org with any questions.

Sincerely,

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