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To : "Todd Epp" <toddepp5531@msn.com>

Subject : "Something we will carry with us forever"



Dear Todd,

My name is Mandy Hagseth and I'm from Canton, South Dakota (pop. 3165).

My friends at Planned Parenthood asked me to tell all of you why I'm working seven days a week on the campaign to stop the abortion ban, and why it's so important for people to get involved by [hosting a Potluck for South Dakota](#).

To me, in all honesty, it doesn't feel like time to party yet. But by having a potluck and inviting our friends and family, you and I and the people of South Dakota will be able to stop this nightmare.

I never imagined that at the young age of 23, I could lose my right to make decisions about my own body. It's terrifying. **But I want you to know that people here are using EVERY ounce of energy, and EVERY spare moment, to make sure the abortion ban doesn't become a reality.**

Please help us by [hosting a Potluck for South Dakota](#). We need the support of EVERYONE who cares.

My friends in South Dakota all agree: this is something we will carry with us forever. We don't want our state to go down in history for something so devastating.

What's happening here is really very simple: the radical right is trying to use my state as the launching pad for their assault on *Roe v. Wade*. They've been planning for this moment for 33 years — organizing through churches, building an infrastructure, and raising money. They think we will stand by as they trespass on one of the most essential American freedoms.

But what they don't know is that for the past seven months, we have come together — in line at the supermarket, at baseball games, during town meetings. Hushed talk and hand wringing have turned to phone banking, door knocking, and volunteer nights.

Don't abandon us to stop this ban on our own. The resources on the other side are vast, and we're simply not strong enough without all of

you.

Please help by hosting a Potluck for South Dakota.

On September 30, I'll be hosting a potluck. I hope you will, too. **If we don't win in South Dakota, this really could lead to the end of Roe. Our rights are your rights.**

Thank you for being there — for me and for all the women of South Dakota.

Sincerely,



Mandy Hagseth
On behalf of Planned Parenthood Federation of America

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