



Good evening. My name is Toni Curry, and I am the Development Director of NARAL Pro-Choice North Carolina, as well as a resident of Durham County. NARAL Pro-Choice North Carolina is a statewide organization that advocates for access to the full range of reproductive health care and rights for all, in full support of decisions North Carolinians make to prevent pregnancy, terminate a pregnancy, carry a pregnancy safely to term, and raise families in safe and supportive environments.

We thank you for considering the request we made, in coalition with 13 other local organizations, for the Board of Commissioners to issue a resolution calling on the federal government to repeal the Hyde Amendment, which blocks federal funding for low-income patients who need abortion care. Along with our partner organizations, we are representing thousands of people in Durham County who believe the Hyde Amendment represents a reproductive rights, gender equality, economic security, health equity and safety issue for County residents, and is counter to the human right of bodily autonomy for all. No matter one's personal feelings on abortion, most people agree that one's income, insurance status or zip code should not impact one's ability to access the health care they need.

We hope the Durham County Board of Commissioners will consider this resolution, which would be the first of its kind in North Carolina. This is an opportunity for Durham County to again be on the leading edge of advancing social justice in North Carolina. Thank you.