



Congresswoman Lori Trahan
House Contraception Rights Vote
Remarks as Delivered
July 21, 2022

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Standing here today, four weeks after the Supreme Court's disastrous decision to overturn Roe, I fear for the future for my children.

I fear for a future where Republican leaders agree with Clarence Thomas – that the right for same sex marriage should be revisited, that the right to birth control should be re-examined.

Let me be clear, neither of those rights should be up for debate. We voted this week to protect marriage equality. We'll vote today to protect contraception.

And for those who believe this issue isn't on the minds of millions of Americans, open your eyes.

Republicans in Idaho and Louisiana are pushing to ban forms of birth control. The Governor of Mississippi refused to rule out a contraception ban. Even the Republican Study Committee – which represents most House Republicans – has proposed eliminating contraception access programs for low-income Americans.

That's not pro-life. It's anti-woman. Wake up already and join us in passing this critical legislation.

Thank you, I yield back.