



Abortion Rights
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Media Advisory

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“No Woman Should Have to Pay for an Abortion” Says New Pro-Choice Coalition

Press Conference Details:

Date: Wednesday, October 19, 2005

Place: Charles Lynch Press Gallery, Centre Block, Parliament Buildings, Ottawa

Time: 1 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Pro-choice groups across the country have formed a new coalition: the **Abortion Rights Coalition of Canada / Coalition pour le Droit à l'Avortement au Canada (ARCC-CDAC)***.

ARCC-CDAC will work to improve access to abortion and ensure that abortion rights remain protected. Abortion is not a settled issue—it's still politicized. Many women have trouble accessing it, and many women are paying out-of-pocket in violation of the *Canada Health Act*. No woman should have to pay for an abortion, which is a "medically required" service under the Act.

Also, there's not enough abortion doctors, and too many anti-abortion politicians. With a federal election around the corner, ARCC-CDAC wants to make sure that the Conservative Party will never try to impose an anti-choice ideology on all Canadian women. The coalition will also work to increase the number of providers and expand curricula on abortion at medical schools.

Scheduled Speakers:

Libby Davies, NDP-MP for Vancouver East

Dr. Vyta Senikas, Associate Executive Vice-President, Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists of Canada, Ottawa

Joyce Arthur, Pro-Choice Action Network, Vancouver

Carolyn Egan, Ontario Coalition for Abortion Clinics, Toronto

Anna Rozenberg, Medical Students for Choice, McMaster University, Hamilton

Joan Wright, Ottawa Morgentaler Clinic

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* ARCC-CDAC will operate in both official languages. Our French-language press conference will be in Montreal on Oct. 20, 11am, Centre St-Pierre, 1212, rue Panet, Room 202. Please contact Catherine Megill for more information: 514-486-9669.