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The Women's March on Chicago Press Release Regarding HB 40

September 28, 2017 (CHICAGO, Ill.) – The Women's March on Chicago celebrates the passage of HB 40 and applauds the efforts of women and their allies who have worked tirelessly to lobby for access to reproductive choice for women of all income levels in Illinois. The Women's March on Chicago is a proud member of a coalition effort which effectively lobbied for the passage of HB 40.

Organizers believe that the women-led grassroots coalition effort, who marched on Springfield in April, among other efforts, placed tremendous pressure on Governor Rauner to keep his pro-choice campaign promises to the women of Illinois. "We are pleased that the Governor honored his campaign promise to the women of Illinois, and we credit our grassroots coalition for actively reminding him of it" said WMC Steering Committee Member Jessica Scheller. Thousands of women across Illinois placed phone calls, wrote post cards and marched across the State for women's reproductive rights. This victory belongs to them.

"Our efforts included action postcards, lobbying legislators, phone campaigns organized through Facebook, as well as the Illinois Women March on Springfield on April 22, 2017. In our FB group, this topic appears more frequently than nearly any other" according to Emily Kraiem, WMC Social Media Director.

Illinois marchers honored their promise of January 21 to stand together for women's civil liberties and rights and to signal that reproductive choice and dignity belong to all women of Illinois – regardless of their income. Together, we march on.

Steering Committee – Women's March on Chicago

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