From: BEŇOVÁ Monika <monika.benova@europarl.europa.eu>
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Subject: Action against NEW Law on the restriction of rights of women in Slovakia to access abortion
To: MEPs&ASSISTANTS-9th-Legislature <MEPs&ASSISTANTS-9th-Legislature@europarl.europa.eu>
Cc:

Dear Honourable Members of the European Parliament,

I am writing regarding the recent parliamentary attempt to restrict the sexual and reproductive rights of women in Slovakia. We have prepared a call to action, please **[sign the petition](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=b8aBPqBGFkiBPmBM9ARanwRtl0QXGBNDq_WN6wEqE6xUMk5JWERMQ1ZKNkRDOTlVMkc2UFJMWjVFOS4u" \t "_blank)** to co-sign the letter or **reply to this email** if you wish to support this action.

The law is already set to pass the second reading on the 16.9.2020 and it is strongly influenced by conservative religious thinking. I would like to request your support for the attached letter addressed to the President of the Slovak Republic and the Speaker of the National Council to reject the new law.

The authors of the law argue that it is for the protection of women. However, the consequence of the new changes will be just the opposite. Making it more difficult for women in all situations to access abortion.

The so-called law no.154 intends to make the following changes;

1.     Intends to **pro-long the waiting period** to undergo the abortion procedure **from current 48 hours to 96 hours**, from the moment of finalising all formalities mandated by law. **Including in the situations where the health and wellbeing of the woman in question is under risk.**

2.     The law mandates the right of **the doctor to discharge his obligation to inform the women** in question of the relevant medical information **in writing**. According to the new law the written information **can be prepared on behalf of the doctor by the** **church or religious organisation.**

**3.**Requirement to receive two separate medical opinions**from two different medical institutions.**

**4.     Forbids relevant advertisement**in regards to abortion**. Including, any information about organisation, institutes or places for safe medical abortion.**

**5.     It will be compulsory to specify the reason for abortion.**

If you would like to co-sign the letter please indicate so by replying to this email or **[sign the petition](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=b8aBPqBGFkiBPmBM9ARanwRtl0QXGBNDq_WN6wEqE6xUMk5JWERMQ1ZKNkRDOTlVMkc2UFJMWjVFOS4u" \t "_blank)**to co-sign the letter by Monday 12:00.

Best Regards,

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