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[00:00:00] **Unidentified** When I right there under attack. What do we do in the fight there? When our rights are under attack? What do we do when our bodies are under attack? What do we do? Whose choice I. What should I do? What should I say? All right, everybody, welcome and thank you for being here today. We are going to start our program now one more time when our rights are under attack.

[00:00:30] **Speaker 1** What do we do? There we go. I can hear you now. Beautiful.

[00:00:36] **Unidentified** So for today's first speaker, we're going to welcome Tara. Stabler. I'm sorry.

[00:00:44] **Speaker 2** Please come up to the podium. She is going to be our first speaker. And she is from Bipoc Coalition.

[00:00:56] **Unidentified** They always set them up and they're like too high for me. Hello, everyone. Thank you for coming out today.

[00:01:02] **Speaker 2** Thank you for supporting the rights to being able to access abortion. But one of the reasons why I'm speaking today and why I feel so impassioned to speak is because when we're fighting for the right to abortion, we have to start from the viewpoint of equal access. We have to start from the viewpoint of making sure that Bipoc communities are able to access just as much as affluent white communities are.

[00:01:27] **Unidentified** Have to make sure that when we're using language, when we're talking about.

[00:01:31] **Speaker 2** Abortion, we're not just saying women because women are not the only people that need access to abortion. We have to include our trans community.

[00:01:38] **Unidentified** We have to include our nonviolent.

[00:01:45] **Speaker 2** When abortion is made illegal, when they start to come for us for accessing purpose, for providing the unequal amount of pressure and criminalization that is going to happen on these communities that are already not being included is going to be astronomical. Abortion rights is an abolitionist issue because when they come for us, it will be the arm of the state. It will be the police that are coming to find you. You need to start protecting your communities. You need to start thinking about this in advance because it's not just the GOP, it's not just lawmakers. You have to think about when that law goes into place, who's coming for us? When we start thinking about abortion access, when we start thinking about these things, we cannot leave anybody out because that is what they want. They already started rescinding access in rights for trans folks, for non-binary folks, because that is their tester. They go for queer communities and when they start noticing that no one is fighting back for the queer communities, they come to the communities of color. And imagine what that's like for those of us that share multiple identities like that, for those of us that are queer and people of color, when they come for us, I will flat out say it white people, you will still be safer. So what are you doing to ensure that the people around you that are people of color are going to be protected.

[00:03:04] **Unidentified** In the same way that you know you will be? The fight doesn't. And in fighting the.

[00:03:14] **Speaker 2** GOP, the fight ends in moving whites and removing white supremacy from our nation.

[00:03:20] **Unidentified** Because the way that this law got put into place, you didn't have rights in 1849. Better yet.

[00:03:27] **Speaker 2** The list would be too long. Who were the only people with rights in 1849? It was white men. That is the problem with this. We cannot think of this as just an issue that has to do with abortion. And once we get the laws in place for abortion, we're okay. This is a white supremacist issue. This is something that we have to tackle and recognize within ourselves. Why did no one speak up when trans folk were having hard times getting access to abortion? Why is no one consistently fighting for it? Why did it only become an issue when white people realized that they would then face the same criminalization that brown and black and trans folk face every single day when we walk on the street.

[00:04:09] **Unidentified** When you say it is our duty to fight for our freedom and.

[00:04:12] **Speaker 2** It is our duty to win. Remind yourself you are seeing our everyone is included in power. Not just white folks, not just affluent folks. It is everyone. So the minute they come for any of us, they're coming for all of us. This is not just to you versus them. This is an us versus them. And we have to stop thinking about it from an individualistic standpoint. We're not going to get anywhere because they'll pass a law that says abortion is legal, but they will still find ways to criminalize it. It is happening now. Black women are consistently being charged with murder for the fact that they're having miscarriages, a traumatic experience. And they are being criminalized for it. Where are y'all fighting for that? It doesn't end with fighting for this. It doesn't end in these issues of showing up to a protest. It starts with you going home and having difficult conversations with the people around you. It starts with you having that conversation. When you hear someone say, this is a women's rights issue. You stop them and you say, No, it's not. It is an issue that affects all of us. It is not just women's rights. It's equal rights for all. It is a trans rights issue. It is a people of color issue. We have to be inclusive in our language and in our own thoughts. We can start actually saying that we're fighting for equality and that we want justice because a movement that doesn't include everyone is not a movement at all. It is just a continuation of white supremacy that you're allowing to happen. And so I implore all of you to go home today to see the polls that are going up that say women's rights issues and you correct them. Who cares if you're uncomfortable? I'm uncomfortable standing up here as a bunch of white people are looking at me as a person of color and a queer person. If I can stand up and know that I'm going to be vilified on social media, that people will be coming for me, then you can do the same in comfortable settings with people that you know. That is your job.

[00:06:06] **Unidentified** To stand up and fight. The last thing that I want to say today is just really.

[00:06:16] **Speaker 2** Honing in on the fact that reproductive justice is an abolitionist issue. It is not something that just goes away and doesn't involve the police because when they come for us, they'll be sending the government after us. Who is the arm of the state that is in charge of doing that? It is the people that are supposed to protect you. They don't protect us. They never have and they never will. The reason why you're standing up right now, white folks that never thought about this as an abolitionist issue is because you are finally feeling the pressure that we face every single day. We walk outside. Every single day I walk down the street. Every single day that my friends walk down the street. We have to wonder, is this the day that they're going to grab us for no reason? You are finally facing what it feels like to be us. You've got to provide humanity to fight back, to make your uncomfortable conversations happen with the people that know you. If you're going to stand here and look me in my face and say it is our duty to fight for our freedom, then that counts for everybody's freedom, not just yours. Thank you.

[00:07:27] **Unidentified** What do we want? Why do we want it? When I right there under attack. What do we do? What do we do? All right. Thank you.

[00:07:41] **Speaker 2** Our next speaker for the day is Darlene Jones from Black.

[00:07:45] **Speaker 1** Book Black Leaders Organizing Community.

[00:07:47] **Speaker 3** Make some noise. Good afternoon. Good afternoon. No, no. Good afternoon. Thank you. As you can tell, I'm very passionate about all of us being loud and all of us being heard. Let me start with my introduction. My name is Darlene Jobs. Are you and they pronouns. I'm the democracy organizer at Black Leaders Organizing for Communities. I do the work that I do with the understanding that democracy won't work until it's for all of us. I do the work that I do. With the understanding that it doesn't stop. When I go home, I do the work that I do with the understanding that I am not safe. I'm not safe at home. I'm not safe on the street. I'm not safe standing here in front of you today. I'm not safe in this body. I do this work with the understanding that I will constantly be under attack, whether or not I take a backseat, whether or not I step out of politics today. I will not be safe. And if I can't be safe, neither can you. This is about all of us. This is about us. Me who identifies as black and femme and queer and trans. This is a health care issue. And quite frankly, we don't have the health care infrastructure to support a ban. So while these folks sit in closed chambers with their robes on making decisions about what happens to our bodies, to my body, understand that these folks were not elected. They were appointed. They will sit in that seat until the day that they die, unless they get bored of it. No. This is. This is my life. This is our lives that we're talking about. We do not have the health care infrastructure to support a band. We currently do not have the health care infrastructure to support black birth. I've studied as a dula. A birth dula. I've studied as an abortion dula. I have seen firsthand the lack of access, the lack of care and concern that providers show to patients. I've seen the lack of care and concern that individuals feel coming from their own families, coming from their own friends. I've seen people struggle to make the decision about whether or not they were going to be able to provide for this potential child. And I've seen people have to make the decision that no, despite the fact that they want it, they could not because they knew that there would be no social support. We don't have the infrastructure within our social systems to support this man. Right now, we have folks saying that people don't deserve food share. We have folks who believe that people don't deserve housing. We have people who believe that people don't deserve a living wage. I'm 25 and every day I wake up. I hear myself, I hear my friends talk about aching and being in pain. It's more than physical, but god damn, do my knees hurt from carrying this shit on my back every day. We we cannot as a country support this. We can like we literally can't like. And I stand here in this film, Black Body, with the history of my ancestors who were forced forced by the state. To produce bodies. To produce bodies. Your. These bodies that were valued as money. These institutions that we.

[00:12:41] **Unidentified** Participate in every day. The Wells Fargo of the world traded bodies.

[00:12:46] **Speaker 3** To get the capital, the infrastructure that they have now. We cannot continue to allow this to happen. We cannot continue to allow black people and trans people. To be under attack. We know that the people who make these decisions will always have access. They can fly their daughters out. They can fly their family out. They can fly their mistresses.

[00:13:10] **Unidentified** Out to wherever they need to get access. How they can fly the doctor in.

[00:13:15] **Speaker 3** To perform a procedure. We know that these bans don't make it safer. It doesn't make the problem go away. And it makes it happened behind closed doors and makes it happen with unsterilized tools and makes it happen in ways that will leave people permanently scarred mentally and physically. We have the historical evidence to show that people get abortions will still happen, whether or not it's safe and legal. What I'm here to talk about is harm reduction. I know that we can't fix it all. But what I'm here to talk about is harm reduction. If one less person dies.

[00:14:01] **Unidentified** Because they had access to health care. That's what we're fighting for. It's one. Lives in poverty with their two. As a black woman and as a black person.

[00:14:18] **Speaker 3** We are constantly under attack and scrutinized for having children. Now you want to put us in a position where we don't have a choice. You don't get to call us welfare queens and also force us to have children.

[00:14:34] **Unidentified** You don't get it both ways. Make up your mind. Pick a struggle. Time for this anymore. We don't have time to wait.

[00:14:43] **Speaker 3** If they're coming for me, they're coming for you. Next. What do you not understand? This is not just one. This is not. This is not a monolithic struggle. Because we are not monolithic people. We have to understand that we need to get behind each other in these struggles. I'm looking out at this crowd, and I'm so proud of everybody that showed up here. But quite frankly, it's not black enough. It's not clear enough for me. I look around and I got sad because it wasn't enough melanin. I mean, keeping a bee in. I know we're in Madison, but we got to do better as organizers. We have to do better. And everybody in this room is an organizer. And if you don't think you're one, check again. You're here and pink shirts with protest signs. Get it together. You're an organizer. You organize yourself to get here this morning. So continue to do that shit when you go home. Organize your people. Help them understand that this is bigger than individuals. When people are anti-abortion, what did they. What did they come with? Antidotes or evidence? They don't know anybody who's had an abortion. At least they don't know that they know someone who's had an abortion because everybody in here, I guarantee, you know, someone who's had an abortion. So let me just say again, because I don't want to take up too much time that we don't have the health care infrastructure in this country to support a man. We see this through the pandemic. We don't have we don't have health care infrastructure to support people through a pandemic that's still happening. So we don't have the health care infrastructure to ban people's health care. And I'll end with this quote. Actually a small excerpt from one of my favorite poems by one of my favorite queer activists, artists poets, Audre Lorde. This is an excerpt from A Litany of Survival. This poem got me through three years of college. Okay. I've studied women's gender and sexuality studies where I was the only black person in the majority of my classes. The only trans person and the only queer person. Okay. And when the sun rises, we are afraid it might not remain. When the sun sets, we are afraid it might not rise. In the morning. When our stomachs are full, we are afraid of indigestion. When our stomachs are empty, we are afraid we may never eat again. When we are loved, we are afraid. Love will vanish. When we are alone, we are afraid. Love will never return. And when we speak we are afraid. Our words will not be heard nor welcomed. But when we are silent, we are still afraid. So it is better to speak remembering. We were never meant to survive. The people that birthed this country, black women, trans people that birthed these movements because we wouldn't be here without trans people. Let's get that straight.

[00:17:58] **Unidentified** We would not be here in this. Protesting as loud as we are without the work of trans elders that made.

[00:18:07] **Speaker 3** That Chicago its pride month. You better recognize.

[00:18:14] **Unidentified** And be loud about it. So when I say get louder, when I say get angrier.

[00:18:20] **Speaker 3** I'm not saying it to be mean. I'm saying it because I will die with this fire in my soul, this anger, because I'm 400 years of tired and this country owes me 400 years plus. I desert 40 acres and a mule and interest.

[00:18:45] **Unidentified** Continue to speak.

[00:18:47] **Speaker 3** Continue to speak, continue to make space for black people, for trans people in these movements, understand that you would not be here without them and understand that this is everybody's issue because we don't have the infrastructure to support the ban that they're proposing. And it's a ban that they would have largely they the Supreme Court largely will not be subject to because they got the ducats, they got the dollars to do what they want to do to help the people that they want to help. We don't got that. I don't have that. So continue to organize, continue to speak and continue to be loud because I will die doing this work. And if I have to do this work till the day that I die, then you do to make.

[00:19:46] **Unidentified** So when our community is under attack, what do we do? By. I need to be louder when our people are under attack. What do we do? Our next speaker today, is there? No. As you heard.

[00:20:12] **Speaker 4** I was there in Oakland, the principal partner for the Venable Group. We are a leadership development company where we center the healing and wellness of humans. So I stand here today as a reproductive justice leader. I am among many black reproductive justice leaders in Wisconsin who will always resist any attempts to control our reproductive freedom. Together with other people of color, we are part of an international reproductive justice movement, which places reproductive health care and rights within a social justice framework. Our movement supports the rights of individuals to have the children they want to raise, the children they have and plan for their families through contraception and safe, legal abortion. So today I come with messages of. To say we will not be deterred. By Wisconsin policymakers and others across the country who oppose our human right to reproductive freedom and liberation. They have continued to target us and assert their moral authority over our reproductive decisions. They have systematically worked to restrict every aspect. Act of our lives in ways that jeopardize our.

[00:21:51] **Unidentified** Health and well-being and our democracy.

[00:21:56] **Speaker 4** What is happening in Wisconsin. In other states and at the U.S. Supreme Court. Is a blatant disregard for our constitutional rights. And overturning Roe, as you have heard, is just the beginning. The expected decision will have implications far beyond abortion. It's no coincidence that Republicans goals in Wisconsin and elsewhere have been to pass the most restrictive voter suppression laws and the most restrictive laws to control our bodies.

[00:22:31] **Unidentified** At the same time. So why?

[00:22:42] **Speaker 4** They want to stop us from casting our votes for candidates who will protect our rights to abortion access and all of the other rights that we have. I think they heard that. We've turned out in record numbers to vote. Black people and other people of color know all too well. That our rights. The rights that exist don't always apply to us. So it's important that we not be distracted from the human rights argument that says bodily autonomy. Or are being able to control what happens to our body. Including the decision to continue or terminate a pregnancy, rests with the pregnant person at all times and in all circumstances. Because when rights don't apply to all individuals at all times, they are not. Rights. There are conditional benefits that have been equitably have been and equitably distributed. So for us not having abortion access care. What have dire consequences. Black people and other people of color, including youth. Disproportionately experienced far too many health disparities. We don't need to experience more harm, like having to leave the state to access safe, legal abortion care. We don't need to bear the burden of finding childcare, affording overnight accommodations any time off work, and the loss of pay for people who actually do. So here's some news. Republican policy makers are not just opposed to abortion. They are on the record as not supporting our right to parent and children behavior in neighborhoods free of environmental toxins and violence.

[00:24:54] **Unidentified** The quality schools and affordable housing and access to.

[00:25:00] **Speaker 4** So that's their history. So who are they, really? Because they're certainly not people who care about the well-being of black people or our children. They have no history of supporting our prenatal maternal health. No history of protecting infants from death and other dire disparities. And yet they intend to make decisions about our future children. Restricting abortion is one of many strategies with one common goal. To control. And not to. Yeah. This is all about power. Well, we have many histories to. And they include maintaining our focus on the overlapping or intersectional effects of oppression. And our continuous efforts to shed light on our need for significant investments in maternal health equity, in generous postpartum care, in early childhood education, in paid sick days, in quality health care, affordable housing and family supporting jobs and access to.

[00:26:20] **Unidentified** Our democracy was written.

[00:26:34] **Speaker 4** We have always had a broader perspective. A reproductive justice agenda. And long histories of contributions to every movement, including abortion rights and reproductive freedom. We are a people who understand having our freedom and being able to control what happens to our bodies are one and the same. And we have much longer histories demanding our human rights to be honored to live with dignity and respect, without shame and fear. Then they. And while we understand what is happening. And what's ahead. Let us not despair. Our long histories, including those contributions made. Including our reproductive freedom. And all of the amazing and powerful work we have done will continue. I heard said. And allies say recently that relationships happen by being with one another through US struggles and our stories. So let's tell the stories that remind us of all the magnificence of who we've been. Tell the story of all the magnificence of who we are and how holding onto those truths continue us on our path to where we've been heading. And that is to get free. Thank you.

[00:28:15] **Unidentified** Full body, full size eyesight, full state. I think if we don't get it, if we don't get it right now. All right. Our next speaker can get.

[00:28:31] **Speaker 4** Something from Planned Parenthood.

[00:28:32] **Unidentified** Action from Wisconsin. Thank you so much for our incredible speakers. Thank you all.

[00:28:44] **Speaker 1** So much for being here. This is incredible to see so many people out here putting yourselves physically in this space. To fight this abortion ban. It's so critical. Now we work together to protect safe and legal abortion access in the state of Wisconsin. And I applaud our governor, Governor Evers, for calling the legislature into special session today to repeal.

[00:29:15] **Unidentified** Our 172 year old. This is a law that was passed.

[00:29:28] **Speaker 1** During a time when women didn't have the right to vote or hold elected office during a time when we didn't understand that people of all genders need access to abortion. This law could go back into effect if the Supreme Court overturns Roe v Wade, making abortion a felony crime in the state of Wisconsin. If this happens, if the Supreme Court takes away our constitutional right to abortion. They are giving those decisions to politicians. You as an individual person do not get to decide. Doctors should not be put into the impossible decision of waiting for their patients to get sick enough to provide needed medical care, forcing them to go against their oath to do no harm. It's that or face years in prison. Politicians don't know the health care that Christine needed when her water broke at 18 weeks and she developed sepsis. It threatened her health and ultimately it threatened her life. Politicians can't possibly know the physical and psychological toll of forcing a person to give birth after the trauma of rape or incest or any person before they are ready to have a child. Deciding if and when to become a parent is one of the most personal and life changing decisions someone will make. No one should make that decision for you. You should have the freedom to control your own bodies and lives. You should be the only one to hold that power to make your own health care decision. Criminalizing Abortion. Wisconsin is not the future we want for Wisconsin, for ourselves, for our friends, for our families, for our loved ones, for our communities. And now that we know, the leaked document made it very clear, now that we know the Supreme Court intends to repeal rule, there is no time to waste. Saturday is the day. That Planned Parenthood Wisconsin Suspends Abortion Care for patients. We know how destructive and devastating. We all know everybody in this room. Knows how destructive and devastating this will be, this this overturn of Roe, how it's already been so devastating and and disruptive on her patients seeking abortion care. But it didn't have to be this way. We just got word that our Senate. Gavel to gavel. Don't leave in 10 seconds. 10 seconds. 10 seconds to consider. The lives of Wisconsinites. 10 seconds. If they would have repealed a criminal abortion ban. Plan from Wisconsin could of immediately resume scheduling care for people who needed it if they would have taken action when they had the chance today by repealing this egregious, egregious law from the 1800s. And I want to acknowledge a group of senators who, as soon as that was over, came here. They came here to stand with us.

[00:33:01] **Unidentified** These are the champions that we need to continue to stand with them. Thank you.

[00:33:10] **Speaker 1** Every day that goes by that we have an abortion ban on our books is the day that the majority leadership in our legislature is making a decision to keep abortion illegal in the state of Wisconsin. And this today, 10 seconds, 10 seconds. Is a glimpse into our future when Roe is overturned. It's a glimpse into our future of the decisions these power holders will make for all of us. It is unthinkable that our elected officials working right here, right now in this building hold that kind of power. Those are holding majority power. It's incredible to think that they would allow politicians from nearly 200 years ago. To determine the freedoms and future of people in Wisconsin today. Our daughters should not have fewer rights than their mothers and granddaughters. Our young people should not have fewer rights than their parents and grandparents. Health care should not be political.

[00:34:22] **Unidentified** And you all know we all know that the vast.

[00:34:25] **Speaker 1** Majority of Wisconsinites support access to safe and legal abortion. The legislators that were called in a special session today, they are elected to represent the people of Wisconsin. So if they're going to rest on the work of politicians from 200 years ago, then maybe they should give up their jobs and their state sponsored.

[00:34:47] **Unidentified** Health care insurance. And just go home. We know they won't.

[00:35:00] **Speaker 1** So it's up to us to remind them who they represent. It's time for them to listen to the people of Wisconsin. And to act to protect our freedoms. Our health. Our lives. Our futures. Before it is too late. So I'm going to thank every single one of you who showed up today to express your voices and your values. We were not born to be bystanders. We see the disaster coming to our state, and we are all standing up out of concern for our fellow people to put a stop to the devastation we were built for this. We are a powerful force and I can feel in this moment. In this moment that this movement is rooted in love. And I encourage all of us to do this work, rooted in love, because love is the most powerful thing we have. And love is the hardest thing any one of us do. And we have got a lot of hard things that we are about to do. Love is what keeps us moving forward when we are so angry that a minority holds power and they hoard power.

[00:36:14] **Unidentified** Taking away the bodily agency and.

[00:36:17] **Speaker 1** Autonomy for millions across our nation and right here in our state of Wisconsin. Love is what energizes us to get up. After we have our moments on our knees, sobbing in pain and disbelief because we know the irreparable harm that will be caused. If abortion is not safe and legal, abortion does not go away, it becomes unsafe. Love is what compelled us to be here today with each other in this moment, to demand a different future for Wisconsin, for our friends, for our families, our neighbors. Love is what gives us the courage to speak from the rooftops, that everybody deserves access to abortion, regardless of their reason or their race or their gender or their sexual orientation. Or their income level or their immigration status. And I can tell you the love. This is what drives the people who provide abortion care in Wisconsin. The people have been working day and night for over a year to build an infrastructure to ensure Wisconsin people who need an abortion have a safe place to turn. So love is what I see here today in every single one of you and every one of you ready to do the hardest of things that we are going to have to do in these weeks and these months to come. Our anger, our disbelief, our rage, our pain, our sorrow. If we do that rooted in love, it makes us, this movement, an unstoppable force today, tomorrow and beyond to ultimately ensure that abortion care in Wisconsin is always safe, that abortion is safe, legal and accessible no matter what. Thank you all so much. Thank.

[00:38:28] **Unidentified** The arms are literally enjoying me. Please.

[00:38:33] **Speaker 2** So Darlene is going to lead us in one more chance. Before we do that.

[00:38:36] **Unidentified** We're going to have folks walk around with this little sheep right here that you can.

[00:38:41] **Speaker 2** Scan so that these are four ways that you can support Planned Parenthood and take action.

[00:38:47] **Speaker 3** So please, right now, when.

[00:38:48] **Speaker 2** You see folks walking.

[00:38:49] **Unidentified** Around and then scan the QR code and take action. So, Darlene, please.

[00:38:58] **Speaker 1** Okay.

[00:38:59] **Speaker 3** I know you see my hair today. Repeat after me, please. It is our duty to fight for our freedom.

[00:39:09] **Unidentified** It is our duty to fight for our freedom. It is our duty to win. It is our duty to. We must love one another and protect one another. We must love one another.

[00:39:21] **Speaker 3** We have nothing to lose but our chains. We have nothing to lose personally. Get free.

[00:39:32] **Unidentified** Thank you, everyone, for coming.