



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
— OFFICE OF GOVERNOR BOB FERGUSON —

**EXECUTIVE ORDER 25-01**

**STRATEGIC CONVENING TO PROTECT  
ACCESS TO REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE**

**WHEREAS**, the sovereign people of Washington have declared that every individual possesses a fundamental right of privacy with respect to personal reproductive decisions, RCW 9.02.100; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the longstanding public policy of this state to promote access to affordable, high-quality sexual and reproductive health care, including abortion care, without unnecessary burdens or restrictions on patients or providers; and

**WHEREAS**, all people deserve to make their own decisions about their pregnancies, including deciding to end a pregnancy; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the public policy of the state of Washington to continue to protect and advance equal rights to access abortion care that meets each individual's needs, regardless of gender or gender identity, race, ethnicity, income level, or place of residence; and

**WHEREAS**, access to the full spectrum of reproductive health care—including health care services and products related to pregnancy, assisted reproduction, contraception, miscarriage management, and pregnancy termination—is of paramount importance for individual and public health; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Supreme Court's overturning of *Roe v. Wade* was the catalyst for a nationwide reproductive care-access crisis, particularly as to abortion care; and

**WHEREAS**, despite its longstanding commitment to robustly protecting reproductive freedom, Washington is not immune from this nationwide crisis, and must be proactive in taking steps to preserve reproductive freedom within this state;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bob Ferguson, Governor of the state of Washington, by the power vested in me by the Constitution and the statutes of the state of Washington, do hereby order and direct the Department of Health to convene a roundtable of medical providers, reproductive health experts, and policymakers to explore strategies for protecting and facilitating access to reproductive health care in the state of Washington.

This Executive Order shall be implemented consistent with applicable law. Provisions of this Order are not intended to alter any existing collective bargaining agreements. This Order is

not intended to confer and does not confer any legal right or entitlement and shall not be used as a basis for legal challenges to any rule or any other action or inaction of the governmental entities and employees subject to it.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

Signed and sealed with the official seal of the state of Washington on this 15th day of January, AD, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five, at Olympia, Washington.

By:

/s/

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Bob Ferguson  
Governor

BY THE GOVERNOR:

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Secretary of State