Using GovTrack to Contact your Representatives:

Thank you for participating in the Deliberative Forum on the Issue of Abortion in America. Through readings, discussions and a session with an expert panel, we hope that you have been able to broaden your perspective and deepen your opinion on this difficult topic. We now want to give you the opportunity to contact your government officials through GovTrack, an independent website tracking the status of legislation in the United States Congress.

We have identified a particular vote (H. J. Res. 43) that is relevant to our topic and have attached an overview of this Bill and a list of how your Congressmen and Senators voted (Yea or Nea). In the sections that follow, you will find instructions on how to use GovTrack to (A) contact your Congressman and Senator regarding H. J. Res. 43 and (B) further explore the bill through the sponsor of the Bill, TN Rep. Diane Black.

A. In order to provide input to your representative, follow these steps:
1. Through your browser, go to https://www.govtrack.us/
2. Set up or log into your GovTrack account.
3. Scroll down and type in your address to the search bar below “Find your representative and senators in the U.S. Congress.”
4. Click on “View Legislative Profile & Get Alerts” and read about your representative.
5. Scroll down to key votes and see how your representative voted on various bills.
6. If you wish, click the “contact him” button at the top of the page to go to your representative’s website and send him feedback.

B. In order to provide input and save your opinion on H. J. Res. 43 using a special feedback tool, follow these steps:
1. Through your browser, go to https://www.govtrack.us/
2. Set up or log into your GovTrack account.
3. Click on the magnifying glass on the top right and type in the search bar the name of your representative you found in part A.
4. Scroll down to key votes and click on H.J. Res. 43.
5. Click the hyperlink H.J. Res. 43 to go to the law’s page.
6. Click on “continue reading” and read about the law.
7. On the right-hand side, you will find options for providing input.
8. If you wish, select “React with an emoji.” Within the area “Save your opinion,” click on the “like-dislike scale” and select “Add Note” to provide reasons for your selection (Note: these are private selections and notes and are not recorded).

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The United States is divided into 435 congressional districts, each with a population of about 710,000 individuals. Each district elects a representative to the U.S. House of Representatives for a two-year term. Representatives are also called congressmen/congresswomen.

**Michael “Mike” Doyle Jr.**
Representative for Pennsylvania’s 14th congressional district
Since Jan 7, 2003 (Next Election in 2018)
Democrat

@USRepMikeDoyle · Official Website · 202-225-2135

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Check the map to make sure we’ve located your address accurately.

Step 5: Scroll down to key votes and see how your representative voted on all his key votes.

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Congratulations! You have successfully submitted your input to your US Representative.
Option B

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**Step 3:** Click on the magnifying glass button on the top right. In the bar under the title “Search for...” type into the search bar the name of your representative you found in part A. Click on the search button.
**Step 4:** Scroll down to key votes and see how your representative voted on H.J. Res. 43. Then, click on the link.

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This was a vote to agree to H.J. Res. 43 in the House.

**Step 6:** Click on the “continue reading” button to see details about the law. You will find details about the background of the law, what it does, arguments for and against it, and the current state of the law.
Step 7: Options for providing your opinion appear on the right-hand side.
**Step 8:** If you wish, submit your “reaction” by clicking one of the provided emoji.

Under “Save your opinion,” click a spot on the like-dislike scale to express your view from “dislike” to “like.”

Click “See Note” to open the “Add a Note” window. Type the reasons for your selections (emoji and your saved opinion). Click “Save Note” to register your opinion.

Congratulations! You have successfully submitted your input about the law to GovTrack.

**Where does my input go?**

When you submit your input, where your data goes depends on whether you are on a GovTrack “panel” (i.e., a preselected sample). If you are on a GovTrack panel, then your input goes to the panel administrator.

If you are not on a panel then your input is private, accessible only to you. Members of the Deliberative Forum on October 6th are NOT on a panel. If you wish to convey your opinion as you wrote it in the Comment Box, copy that text and put it in the body of a message to your Congressman or Senator.

*Thank you for doing your part to participate in our democracy.*