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Connecticut Paved the Way for Reproductive Freedom - and I Want to Keep It That Way

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This July 4th, I have been thinking a lot about freedom – reproductive freedom, to be exact.

I am running for State House District 108 because I want to do everything in my power to make sure CT stands strong against Republican attacks on reproductive freedoms and access.

My opponent, Patrick Callahan’s voting record suggests he will not. Last year, he voted against expanding reproductive health access for students at CT’s public universities and the year before, he voted against protecting reproductive patients and their health providers against attacks by outside groups.

These votes matter because the U.S. Supreme Court in the Dobbs decision gave states unprecedented power to control our reproductive freedom.

It was exactly that kind of power that was at the heart of the Supreme Court case of Griswold v. Connecticut nearly 60 years ago. Then, Connecticut had a law that banned the use of any contraception for married couples. Mr. Comstock of New Canaan, who believed that contraception was “obscene,” was the man behind that law.

In declaring that CT law unconstitutional, the Supreme Court’s decision in Griswold established a constitutional right to privacy to make intimate decisions about our bodies and our future. It was this right that ultimately led the Supreme Court a few years later to decide

in Roe v. Wade that the Constitution protected the right to an abortion.

Today, Connecticut is a leader in protecting reproductive freedom within our state, but this freedom is fragile and under attack. The same Mr. Comstock from New Canaan got Congress to pass a law in 1873 called the Comstock Act which bans the use of the U.S. mails for distributing obscene materials and articles used to produce abortion.

The 1873 Comstock Act is still on the books and the MAGA Republican agenda, as articulated in Project 2025, explicitly relies on the Comstock Act to severely limit reproductive freedom.

As a woman, a mother, an aunt and CT resident, I am grateful to all the elected officials in our great state and across the country who have not only safeguarded reproductive freedom but worked to expand it to all who need it.

As a candidate for House District 108, I promise to do the same.

I’d love to talk to you about what’s on your mind. ***Feel free to email me at anne4s-taterep@gmail.com.***

This is the first in a series on my platform as a candidate for House District 108, which encompasses all of New Fairfield and Sherman.



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