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To the People of Queensland and Our Political Leaders,

Abortion is healthcare.

It has been six years since Queensland decriminalised abortion with the Termination of Pregnancy Act, affirming that **abortion is healthcare**. This was a crucial step in protecting the rights, health, and dignity of all pregnant people in our state.

However, we are deeply concerned by recent discussions suggesting the potential recriminalisation of abortion. This would be a harmful step backward, risking the health and safety of pregnant people and undoing years of progress.

Access to abortion is essential healthcare. Restricting it leads to dangerous consequences, with vulnerable communities facing the greatest harm. We must ensure that decisions about pregnancy remain personal and healthcare-based, not politicised.

We urge our leaders to protect the rights established by the *Queensland Termination of Pregnancy Act 2018* and **keep abortion care safe, legal, and compassionate for all**.

Yours sincerely

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