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## Feigenholtz Legislation Protecting a Woman's Right to Choose Clears Final Legislative Hurdle

**Springfield, Ill.** – Legislation sponsored by State Representative Sara Feigenholtz, D-Chicago, protecting a women's right to choose by striking the dangerous "trigger" language in the Illinois Abortion Law of 1975 advanced out of the Illinois Senate today by a 33-22 vote. House Bill 40, which last month passed out of the House of Representatives, will help ensure abortion remains safe and legal in Illinois regardless of potential federal efforts to overturn *Roe v. Wade*.

"I applaud Senator Heather Steans and my colleagues in the Senate for standing up for women's rights today. Illinois took another important step towards healthcare equality for all women who deserve access to all reproductive health options," said Feigenholtz. "The burden of giving millions of women in Illinois these fair and equal rights now rest squarely on the shoulders of Bruce Rauner," added Feigenholtz.

"After repeated threats from the White House and President Trump's remarks to strip abortion rights away from women, this legislation was necessary to safeguard a woman's right to make decisions that affect her personal health in Illinois," said Feigenholtz.

Feigenholtz has been a champion of women's health during her time in the General Assembly. The bill also removes discriminatory provisions from Illinois law that denies insurance coverage of an abortion to many women who depend on Medicaid and State Employee Health Insurance.

Earlier this month, Feigenholtz sponsored a bus from Chicago to Springfield to enable dozens of activists and concerned citizens to have their voices heard at a women's day march. The rally brought advocates of a broad spectrum who support a progressive agenda including access to abortion care.

If signed into law, Illinois would join 15 other states that provide women with health assistance funds that cover the full range of pregnancy-related care including a woman's decision to end a pregnancy.

"This is another great day for the women of our state. Our elected officials have clearly stated that a women's right to choose should and will be protected in the state of Illinois. In the coming days, millions of women will call on the Governor to uphold that right, and support reproductive healthcare rights for all women no matter her social or economic status," said Brigid Leahy, Director of Public Policy for Planned Parenthood of Illinois.

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