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ABORTION RIGHTS and ACCESS:

*Overwhelmingly, Black women and men believe that abortion should remain legal and women should be able to get safe abortions.**

When it comes to abortion, Black women and men **TRUST** Black women to make the important personal decisions that are best for themselves and their families.*

In Our Own Voice: National Black Women's Reproductive Justice Agenda believes that the decision to become a parent, when and under what circumstances is a deeply personal decision best left to a woman.

• **In 1973**, the Supreme Court decision *Roe v. Wade* ruled that all women, regardless of income, were guaranteed the right to abortion.

• **In 1976**, Congress attached the Hyde Amendment prohibiting low-income women from receiving insurance coverage for abortion care under Medicaid.

The EACH Woman Act (H.R. 2972), introduced by Representatives Barbara Lee (D-CA), Jan Schakowsky (D-IL), Diana DeGette (D-CO) and 70+ cosponsors, counters the negative impact of Hyde Amendment restrictions on abortion. The Act:

• **Respects that every woman** should be able to make her own decisions about pregnancy. If a woman gets her health care through the federal government, she will be covered for all pregnancy-related care, including abortion; and

• **Prohibits political interference** with decisions of private health insurance companies to offer coverage for abortion care.

In Our Own Voice believes that having the legal right to an abortion means little if you do not have the economic ability to access that right. We will work to restore public insurance coverage so that every woman – regardless of income – can access affordable and safe abortion care when she needs it.

**African-American Attitudes on Abortion, Contraception, and Teen Sexual Health* (2013). Belden-Russonello Strategists LLC., Washington DC. February 2013.
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