SATANIC TEMPLE TO HOLD REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS RALLY
Supporters will choose on which capital city Satanists will march

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The Satanic Temple (TST) will be staging a rally for religious reproductive rights and women’s health at the capital of one of the states with the most egregiously restrictive abortion laws. These states include Indiana, Missouri, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, North Dakota, Ohio, and Utah. Supporters will donate in the name of the state of their choice, and the location that has received the most donations will be selected for the rally to take place.

To view the campaign that will determine where The Satanic Temple will rally, visit: https://reproductiverightsrally.com

The fundraiser and rally are being held to support TST’s ongoing battle against the erosion of reproductive rights and to address the religious and cultural prejudice rooted in the challenges women face when seeking proper healthcare, including abortion, that affect the bodily autonomy of all, including the LGBTQ+ community. As a religious organization, TST insists that its members are exempt from obstacles to abortion access in accordance with their beliefs under both the First Amendment and the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA).

TST’s religious belief that people should live in accordance with the best scientific knowledge available, and its belief in bodily autonomy, inform their opposition to laws that restrict abortion access. Some of the laws that force TST members to violate their religious beliefs include required provision of reading material with content that does not conform to science and/or that promotes a religious agenda, requiring how human tissue be disposed, mandating unnecessary and unwanted procedures that do not promote health and safety, requiring doctors withhold medical information, and restricting access to abortifacients.

“These laws, which are justified by the systemic treatment of women as second class citizens rooted in patriarchal religious influence, are a continuous effort to restrict their bodily autonomy, affecting the rights and healthcare of all women and anyone capable of reproduction. It is our hope to draw attention to the root cause of an issue that doesn't just affect women but impacts the lives of anyone this misogynistic and often religious-based thinking targets,” said Chalice Blythe, a member of TST’s National Council.

TST plans to fight these restrictions in court to protect their rights once plaintiffs come forward. Jill MR, the director of TST’s Religious Reproductive Rights Campaign notes, “The rally is designed to put states on notice that TST will be mounting legal challenges to laws that violate our Constitutional right to unfettered abortion access. Most of the governors who signed restrictive laws also claim to be defenders of religious rights. If they oppose our claims, they will reveal that they seek to privilege only certain faiths and they will be in violation of their oath of office to support and defend the Constitution.”

In addition to donations determining the final location of the rally, a postcard will be sent to the governor to inform them that a contribution has been made to TST’s fight for reproductive rights in their name. TST will hold the Women’s Health Rally at the capital of whichever state raises the most money. The winning state will be announced when the campaign ends at 11:59 pm on October 31st.
For more information and to provide a tax-deductible donation, please visit: https://womenshealthrally.com

About The Satanic Temple
The mission of The Satanic Temple is to encourage benevolence and empathy among all people, reject tyrannical authority, advocate practical common sense and justice, and be directed by the human conscience to undertake noble pursuits guided by the individual will.