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The November 8th midterm election marks the first time people across the United States have an opportunity to stand up for reproductive freedom following the landmark Supreme Court decision overturning the 50-year abortion rights precedent set by Roe v. Wade. Abortion is quite literally on the ballot and this fact sheet aims to inform voters about what is at stake in Pennsylvania.

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Governor’s Race

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The Party Divide on Reproductive Rights Conversations

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Pro-Choice Candidates

U.S. House:
- Ehasz (PA-01)
- Boyle (PA-02)
- Evans (PA-03)
- Dean (PA-04)
- Scanlon (PA-05)
- Houhalan (PA-06)

Statewide:
- Wild (PA-07)
- Daniels (PA-10)
- Lee (PA-12)
- Pastore (PA-16)
- Deluzio (PA-17)
- Josh Shapiro (D-Governor)
- John Fetterman (D-Senate)

These candidates have been endorsed by reproductive rights groups such as NARAL and Planned Parenthood. This list is not inclusive of all pro-choice candidates in the state.

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