

# **WOMEN OF COLOUR AND IMMIGRANT WOMEN SAY NO NEW ABORTION LAW**

Women Working with Immigrant Women is calling on South Asian, Black, Native, Chinese, Hispanic, and other women of colour and immigrant women to support the National Day of Action on Abortion. Attend the rally and march organized by the Ontario Coalition for Abortion Clinics. Join our contingent!

## **CHOICE IS AN ILLUSION**

For most of us choice is an illusion. The laws and economic structures of this society are racist and sexist, denying us our reproductive freedom. Our right to choose whether or not to have children, our right to reproduction itself is denied us. To have real choices in our lives we need childcare, employment equity, decent jobs, an end to racist harassment, and an end to coerced sterilization.

## **NO CRIMINAL LAW RESTRICTING ABORTION**

We oppose any criminal law restricting abortion. Women are not criminals. We do not need the threat of jail to make the right decision regarding pregnancy. In the last twenty years less than one half of one percent of all abortions were performed after twenty weeks, and the major reasons were for grave fetal deformity and life threatening pregnancy. If there is concern about late abortions then there should be easy access to early abortions.

## **GOVERNMENTS MUST ENSURE ACCESS**

We need not only the legal right to abortion, but also the facilities in our own languages and our own communities to make that right a reality for all women. We demand that the federal government take up its responsibility, and implement the Canada Health Act, ensuring that the provinces provide free abortion as an essential health service.

## **FULL ACCESS TO FREE ABORTION**

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