The American Civil Liberties Union, the Planned Parenthood Action Fund and others have vowed to fight back and lawsuits have already been filed in several states. On 31 May Planned Parenthood won a court order to keep Missouri’s only abortion clinic open on the day it was due to close. Kentucky’s “six week bill has been temporarily blocked. Previously, similar bills have been struck down as unconstitutional in states including Iowa and North Dakota. In May thousands of people took part in coordinated rallies, calling on states to #stopthebans, and people all over the world continue to raise t

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