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Rural Community Worker's Alliance (RCWA) received its first ever grant from the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) of \$40,000 during the CCHD's [2020-2021 grants cycle](#).

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT 2020-2021 GRANTEES			
Diocese	Grantee	Issue Area	Grant
Diocese of Jefferson City	Rural Community Worker's Alliance	Workers' Rights	40,000.00

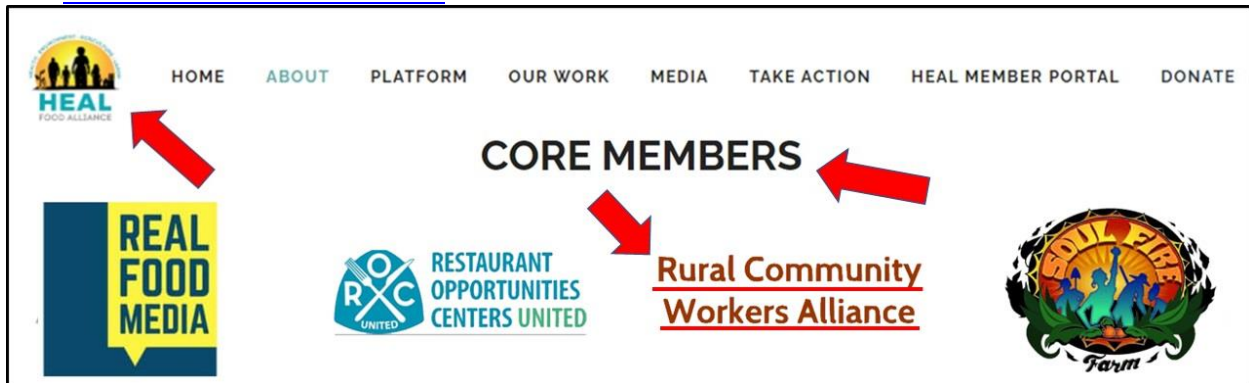
At issue is the fact that RCWA is a member of two radically pro-abortion organizations called the Heal Food Alliance and the Food Chain Workers Alliance.

The CCHD absolutely forbids organizations from membership in organizations acting against Catholic teaching. In an [FAQ on the USCCB website](#), the CCHD directly answers the question about whether grantees may be members of coalitions that oppose Catholic teachings. In answer, the CCHD firmly stated, "CCHD will not fund groups that are knowingly members of coalitions that have as part of their organizational purpose or coalition agenda, positions or actions that contradict fundamental Catholic moral and social teaching."

## What about participation in coalitions for a good purpose, like better wages or housing, that include groups acting against Catholic values on other issues?

CCHD encourages groups to work across geographical, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological lines to overcome poverty and advance the common good. However, CCHD will not fund groups that are knowingly members of coalitions that have as part of their organizational purpose or coalition agenda, positions or actions that contradict fundamental Catholic moral and social teaching (e.g. promotion or support of abortion, same-sex marriage, euthanasia, racism, as well as the use of the death penalty punitive measures toward immigrants, etc.). Prohibited activities include participation in or endorsing actions that promote legislation, and ballot initiatives (including voter guides and other written materials) that contradict Catholic moral or social teaching.

The [HEAL Food Alliance website](#) identifies RCWA as a "Core Member."



On its membership page, the [HEAL Food Alliance indicates](#) that member organizations pay annual dues, though it is unclear how much those dues are.

## Member Responsibilities

### ALL MEMBERS ARE EXPECTED TO:

- Endorse the [HEAL](#) Platform
- Actively participate in or contribute to HEAL work
- Participate in at least 50% of HEAL Member meetings and attend the annual HEAL Summit
- Acknowledge and respect the contributions of other HEAL members
- Respect HEAL's values, protocols, and principles, including constructive feedback to improve HEAL
- Pay annual membership dues or discuss alternatives

On [July 5, 2022](#), HEAL Food Alliance publicly condemned the Supreme Court's decision to

overturn Roe v. Wade, claiming that the decision "undermined the sovereignty, power, and bodily autonomy of people with uteri," and "access to safe medical care, including safe abortion care, is an essential part of a thriving future for all of us." It then added a bullet point indicating where people can obtain help in paying for an abortion:

- If you need help paying for an abortion, or have the means to contribute to support others who need financial help, tap in to the [National Network of Abortion Funds](#).

On [June 24](#), the day of the SCOTUS decision, HEAL retweeted a statement from HEAL's co-founder and executive director, Navina Khanna, claiming that the fight for abortion is linked to their fight for "food, land, farm justice."



On [facebook](#), [HEAL's statement](#) was even more explicit, declaring that "access to abortion ... is a human right **that we will not stop fighting for.**" In other words, HEAL announced that its agenda includes fighting for access to abortion.



**HEAL Food Alliance**

June 24 · 🌐



We grieve today, but we fight forever." ❤️🍌 Reproductive justice means centering the bodily autonomy of Black and Indigenous communities and requires us to dismantle the carceral state that works to control our bodies.

Like all systematic attacks on bodily autonomy and access to healthcare, Black and Indigenous queer, trans, and birthing people will be disproportionately impacted by the SCOTUS decision to overturn Roe v. Wade.

Access to abortion and full decision-making about our bodies is a human right that we will not stop fighting for. In solidarity with all grieving today 🌹

#ReproductiveJustice #SCOTUS #RoeVsWade #Roe #Abortion #AbortionRights #Abolition #BodilyAutonomy #BansOffOurBodies #CommunityCare



navina khanna  
@navinakhanna

Reproductive justice is not separate from our fight for food, land, farm justice. It's about the sovereignty & decision-making power of those whose lives & bodies are most impacted; the wisdom of those on the frontlines. We grieve today but we fight forever. 🍌💔



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@xo\_mxkitty

remember when trans people said making it impossible for us to survive was an act of extreme state based body control that would apply to cis women too?  
  
overturning Roe is a continuation of that. trans justice & reproductive justice are undeniably interlinked

RCWA is also a member of the [Food Chain Workers Alliance](#).



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**RURAL COMMUNITY WORKERS ALLIANCE**  
Rural Community Workers Alliance is organizing meatpacking plant workers in rural Missouri to improve



**RURAL & MIGRANT MINISTRY**



**RESTAURANT OPPORTUNITIES CENTERS UNITED**  
ROC-United is a national restaurant workers' organization seeking

**UNITED for RESPECT**

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United for Respect (UFR) is a multiracial national nonprofit organization fighting for big and bold policy change that improve the lives of people who work in retail. UFR is advancing a movement for an

This relationship also includes financial support. According to the Food Chain Workers

Alliance's [most recent tax form 990](#), the organization does indeed collect dues from its members. And the Food Chain Workers Alliance has taken formal positions regarding same-sex "marriage," and abortion.

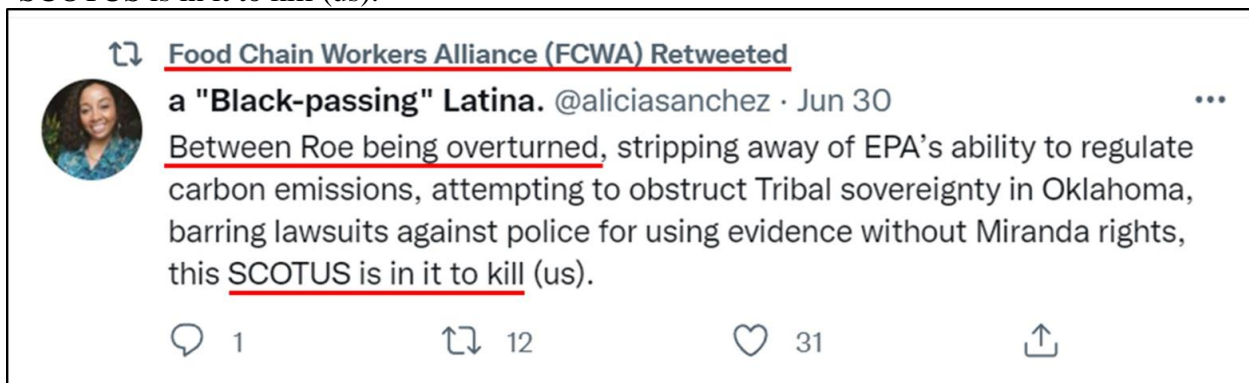
On June 26, 2015, the [Food Chain Workers Alliance celebrated](#) the SCOTUS decision on same-sex "marriage."



Even more egregiously, just this year, after the Dobbs V. Jackson decision that overturned Roe V. Wade, [FCWA issued a formal statement](#) on the SCOTUS ruling, saying,

**"We are outraged by the U.S. Supreme Court's brazen agenda to disempower our communities while expanding the reach of corporations and the carceral state. SCOTUS rulings of the past year have protected the interests of the corporate class while **stripping away our rights to bodily autonomy, privacy, and reproductive choice;**"**

Concomitant with that, FCWA retweeted a statement that overturning Roe is an indication that "SCOTUS is in it to kill (us)."



## Conclusion

In direct violation of CCHD grant guidelines, RCWA is a member of two radically pro-abortion organizations called the Heal Food Alliance and the Food Chain Workers Alliance.