

The Supreme Court Will Review Sham Texas Law That Cuts Off Access to Safe Abortion Care

(Washington, DC) The Supreme Court announced today it will take up [*Whole Woman's Health v. Cole*](#), potentially the most momentous abortion case in a generation. At issue is whether Texas' House Bill 2 (H.B. 2), which requires abortion providers to obtain admitting privileges at local hospitals and forces abortion facilities to meet onerous building specifications, places an undue burden on the ability of the 5.4 million women of reproductive age in that state to obtain safe, legal abortion services, in violation of the constitutional right to privacy.

“Passed under the pretense of protecting women’s health, this law has only created higher costs, longer delays, and extra steps for women seeking abortion care, all without any scientific or medical basis,” said Jessica Arons, President & CEO of the Reproductive Health Technologies Project. **“Instead of improving patient care, this law undermines it.”**

“The politicians behind these laws are ignoring overwhelming scientific consensus in order to push a dishonest and harmful political agenda. Women in Texas and elsewhere don’t need politicians interfering in their personal decision making. The Supreme Court must reject this latest attempt to make an end run around the Constitution.”

If upheld, the Texas law would force more than 75% of abortion clinics in Texas to close. Prior to the enactment of H.B. 2, there were more than 40 facilities dispersed throughout the state providing abortion services in Texas. If the Court does not strike down H.B. 2, the number of clinics in Texas will go from the current 19 down to just 10, with those clinics clustered in 4 metropolitan areas. There would be no licensed abortion facilities west of San Antonio, a region occupying over one hundred thousand square miles, and the only abortion facility south of San Antonio would be the McAllen clinic, forced to operate at an extremely limited capacity.

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