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### The National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health's Statement on the Supreme Court's Decision to Uphold the Federal Abortion Ban

Yesterday, the United States Supreme Court ruled in favor of upholding the Federal Abortion Ban that would allow states to put broader and unnecessary restrictions on access to abortion.

This ban is demeaning and jeopardizes women's health. It violates the requirement under *Roe v. Wade* that abortion laws must have an exception to protect women's health. It goes against sound and established medical evidence that the abortion procedure under attack is a safe and, many times, medically necessary option, although proponents of this ban falsely stated that it is neither. Also, its language is so broad and can be loosely interpreted that it could allow states to put restrictions on abortions as early as 12-15 weeks. This ban will disproportionately impact women who are low-income, immigrant, young and from rural areas. Many of these women lack health insurance, lack the immediate funds to obtain a first-trimester abortion, or do not have access to services within their area.

This will now become a state-by-state battle where 30 states have already in place "trigger laws" that will eliminate a woman's right to an abortion if *Roe v. Wade* is ever overturned. The National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health is determined to protect the fundamental right to reproductive health and services for all women, especially Latinas. We will continue to support our activists at the state level and provide them with the resources and tools they will need to fight against any legislation that will place politics above women's health. NLIRH will also work to ensure that women will be able to access services and not be intimidated or denied the services that they need in order to make the best decisions for their reproductive health.

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*The mission of NLIRH is to ensure the fundamental human right to reproductive health for Latinas, their families and their communities through public education, policy advocacy, and community mobilization.*

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