



Dear Neighbor,

Last week, the Supreme Court allowed a dangerous Texas abortion law to go into effect that bans abortions after six weeks, before many women even know they're pregnant, even in cases of rape, and empowers strangers to bring lawsuits against anyone who helps women get abortions. This outrageous law puts politics over the health and safety of pregnant people and inserts politicians into the deeply personal decision of if and when to become a parent.

That's why I joined my colleagues in an emergency press conference to discuss the risk of these extreme measures coming to Florida and what we're doing in Congress to protect abortion access long-term. You can watch my remarks [here](#).



Every person, regardless of their zip code or income, should be able to make their own decisions about their health and their bodies — including abortion.

No one's most personal medical decisions should be controlled by politicians, neighbors, and definitely not complete strangers. Alarming, since *Roe v. Wade* affirmed the constitutional right to abortion in 1973, states have passed over 1,300 abortion restrictions that undermine the ability of everyday Americans to make the important, life-changing decision of if and when to start a family. What we're seeing in Texas is only the latest, but the most radical, in a string of attacks against abortion access.

The Supreme Court's inaction on the Texas case makes the passage of the [Women's Health Protection Act](#), which I joined Rep. Judy Chu in introducing, more important than ever. This federal legislation would protect health care providers that deliver abortion services and ensure that patients across America can access abortion care, free from medically unnecessary and onerous restrictions, such as waiting periods, or unnecessary ultrasounds.

These restrictions have eliminated access to abortion care in large swaths of the United States. Nearly 90 percent of U.S. counties are without a single abortion provider and five states are down to their last clinic. Here's the thing: We know that making abortion illegal or hard to access won't stop abortions — it will just stop *safe* abortions. So the people hurt most by abortion restrictions are those who already face barriers to accessing health care. In other words, people with money will find a way to get a safe abortion.

We need to trust people, not their Governor or state legislature, or strangers, to make important decisions about their reproductive destinies. When people can make decisions that are best for their lives, we build healthier communities where each of us can participate with dignity.

I look forward to voting for the *Women's Health Protection Act* when Congress reconvenes in a couple of weeks, and hope my colleagues in the Senate do the right thing, and pass this critical bill as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



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