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**Abortion Care and Contraceptive Access:
Post-Roe Talking Points for NFPRHA Members**

The Impact of a Negative Supreme Court Decision in *JWHO*

- The real-life consequences of overturning *Roe* will be swift and devastating for people in communities across the country. More than two dozen states are poised to ban abortion—including 13 states with laws that could immediately go into effect. That means in half the country people will no longer have power over their own bodies and their own lives.
- The Supreme Court has created a nightmarish reality where people will be forced to carry unwanted pregnancies to term against their will.
- The effects of abortion bans and restrictions will fall hardest on people who already face significant barriers to health care, including people working to make ends meet, young people, LGBTQ+ people, and Black, Indigenous, and other people of color. This is the direct result of systemic racism, ongoing white supremacy, misogyny, and coercive reproductive policies in our country.

Threats of Abortion Bans on Contraceptive Access

- Everyone, regardless of where they live, their race, their income, or their sexual orientation or gender identity, must have the freedom to make their own decisions about their body, their life, their future and their ability to participate in society with dignity and equality. Access to both birth control and abortion care is critical to making this happen.
- Both contraception and abortion are integral parts of a full range of sexual and reproductive health care that allow each of us the freedom to make decisions about our own bodies and live with dignity and respect.
- The erosion of abortion access in this country is part of a long-standing effort to nullify a pregnant person's autonomy and take away people's ability to make decisions about their health, lives, and future.
- A negative decision in *JWHO* also carries concerning legal ramifications for the right to privacy and could jeopardize a whole landscape of rights, including contraception, marriage equality, interracial marriage, and other essential freedoms.

- Overturning *Roe* could usher in an era of severely restricted access to contraception as states seek to classify IUDs and emergency contraception as abortifacients and enact other prohibitions on contraceptive methods. People should have access to every method of contraception so that they can choose the method that best fits their health and needs.
- No amount of funding for or access to contraception will ever negate the need for abortion. Both are essential health care services that must be made available to everyone who seeks them. However, in a world where access to abortion is severely limited, it is even more important for people who want contraception to be able to affordably and easily access it.

The Role of Family Planning Providers in Addressing the Abortion Crisis

- As a result of systemic inequities that exist across the health care system, people who are most affected by abortion bans are the same individuals who disproportionately rely on safety-net family planning providers for care.
- In this moment, family planning providers play an even more critical role as a source of safety, trust, and information for their patients. Providers have to be clear and thorough in their support of patients by providing medically accurate, nondirective information about all pregnancy options, particularly in places where access to abortion is limited or nonexistent and evidence-based resources are limited.
- With abortion bans in place, access to birth control will become even more essential. But the reality is that contraceptive care is already limited for too many people due to years of federal funding cuts, the Trump-era Title X rule, and the COVID-19 pandemic. If Congress fails to increase its support of safety-net family planning, the situation for health care providers and their patients may only grow worse.
- With so much on the line right now for abortion rights and comprehensive reproductive health access, there must be new legislative attention placed on increasing funding for the Title X family planning program so that everyone who needs contraception can access it.