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**House of Representatives**

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**MEMORANDUM**

**July 8, 2022**

**To: Members of the Committee on Oversight and Reform**

**Fr: Committee Staff**

**Re: Committee on Oversight and Reform Hybrid Hearing on “The Impact of the Supreme Court’s *Dobbs* Decision on Abortion Rights and Access Across the United States”**

**On Wednesday, July 13, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. ET, in room 2154 of the Rayburn House Office Building and on the Zoom video platform,** the Committee on Oversight and Reform will hold a hybrid hearing to examine the impact of the Supreme Court’s decision overturning *Roe v. Wade* and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* on access to abortion care in the United States.

**I. BACKGROUND**

On June 24, 2022, the Supreme Court released its decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization*, overturning the constitutionally protected right to abortion and with it 50 years of legal precedent.<sup>1</sup> The Supreme Court’s ruling in *Dobbs* leaves the question of whether and how to regulate abortion to the states.<sup>2</sup> Without a federally recognized right to abortion, state laws banning, or severely restricting, abortion took immediate effect in five states on June 24. An additional 11 states have laws restricting or banning abortion that have begun to go into effect or will go into effect soon.<sup>3</sup> Abortion restrictions threaten the health and wellbeing of millions of patients in need of reproductive health care, and disproportionately affect marginalized communities that already experience barriers to medical care.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization*, 19-1392, Slip Op. (U.S. June 24, 2022).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*

<sup>3</sup> *Abortion Laws by State: Where Abortions Are Illegal After Roe v. Wade Overturned*, Politico (June 24, 2022) (online at [www.politico.com/news/2022/06/24/abortion-laws-by-state-roe-v-wade-00037695](http://www.politico.com/news/2022/06/24/abortion-laws-by-state-roe-v-wade-00037695)).

<sup>4</sup> Center for Reproductive Rights, *The Disproportionate Harm of Abortion Bans: Spotlight on Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health* (Nov. 2021) (online at [reproductiverights.org/supreme-court-case-mississippi-abortion-ban-disproportionate-harm/](https://reproductiverights.org/supreme-court-case-mississippi-abortion-ban-disproportionate-harm/)).

## **II. HEARING PURPOSE**

The hearing will examine how the overturning of *Roe v. Wade* impacts the health of millions of Americans. The hearing will evaluate the effects of abortion bans and restrictions on patients and providers, as well as state and local actions being taken in response to the Supreme Court's *Dobbs* decision.

## **III. WITNESSES**

**Mallory McMorrow**  
State Senator  
Michigan State Senate

**Renitta Shannon**  
State Representative  
Georgia House of Representatives

**Michele Bratcher Goodwin**  
Chancellor's Professor of Law  
University of California, Irvine

**Fatima Goss Graves**  
President and CEO  
National Women's Law Center

*\*Additional witnesses to be announced.*

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