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.1 The Supreme Court’s ruling in Dobbs leaves the question of whether and how to regulate abortion to the states.2 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.3 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.4

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2 Id.
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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