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Texas Abortion Advocates, Providers & Fund Leaders Urge Federal Intervention, Mass Mobilization to Address Abortion Access Crisis

Washington, D.C. (September 29, 2021) -- Ahead of the [U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee hearing Wednesday](#) on the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to allow Texas' six-week abortion ban (SB8) to take effect, the [Trust Respect Access \(TRA\)](#) coalition released the following statement. Members of the TRA coalition, including Texas abortion advocates, providers and abortion fund leaders, will be traveling to Washington D.C. on Wednesday for several days of action, during which they will call on Congress and the Biden administration to act immediately to protect abortion rights in Texas and nationwide:

"Today, we head to Washington D.C. to send a clear message to Congress and the Biden administration: Abortion is health care, and we need immediate federal action to ensure that Texans and people across the U.S. are able to access the timely, compassionate abortion care they need. Since Texas' six-week ban took effect, millions of Texans have been stripped of access to abortion. The devastating impact of this ban has been felt most severely by the Texans already marginalized by our health care system -- particularly Black, brown, low-income, young, immigrant and LGBTQ people.

"With anti-abortion lawmakers in state legislatures across the country introducing legislation mirroring the Texas ban, it's clearer than ever that the ongoing attacks on abortion present a national crisis that requires a federal legislative solution. We urge the Senate to follow the House's lead and immediately pass the [Women's Health Protection Act \(WHPA\)](#), which would protect the right to abortion care in all 50 states and put a stop to the state-by-state effort trying to control people's bodies and lives. In addition to passing WHPA, Congress needs to further ensure that all people are able to access abortion by enacting the [EACH Act](#) to abolish the racist Hyde Amendment. Congress must also guarantee reproductive justice for immigrant communities by passing the [HEAL Act](#), releasing pregnant people from immigration detention facilities, and ensuring abortion care for unaccompanied minors in Office of Refugee Resettlement custody. And we need President Biden to join us in demanding that Congress take swift action on this legislation and make clear that abortion access is a priority for his administration.

"But we can't just wait for Washington to take action: People across the U.S. who believe in true abortion access need to unite and show that the momentum and power is on our side. On Saturday, Oct. 2, we will be marching in D.C. in the [Rally for Abortion Justice](#) to demand that Congress enact legislation to guarantee abortion access for everyone. We urge all people to join

us in this fight for abortion justice, whether you're able to march in Washington or at a [local rally](#) on Saturday, contact your elected representatives and urge them to support abortion access legislation or [donate to Texas abortion funds](#). Together we can help ensure that Texans and all people are able to get the health care that they need without shame, unnecessary restrictions or outside interference."

The Trust Respect Access Coalition

Trust Respect Access Coalition is a broad coalition of reproductive health, rights, and justice organizations and leaders who have come together in support of proactive state policies that restore trust in Texans to make their own reproductive health care decisions, respect the dignity of Texans and the judgment of health care professionals, and ensure access to abortion and the support all Texas families need to thrive.

Coalition members include: ACLU of Texas, The Afiya Center, Avow, Counter Balance, Deeds Not Words, Jane's Due Process, Lilith Fund for Reproductive Equity, National Latina Institute for Reproductive Justice, Planned Parenthood Texas Votes, Progress Texas, Texas Equal Access Fund, Texas Freedom Network, Whole Woman's Health and Whole Woman's Health Alliance.