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Re: Whole Woman's Health v. Hellerstedt Supreme Court Decision

Los Angeles, California (June 28, 2016) – The Supreme Court ruled 5 to 3, striking down Texas' abortion clinic shutdowns laws that imposed restrictive regulations and threatened to close a large number of reproductive healthcare clinics in the lone-star state. Laura Jimenez, executive director of the California Latinas for Reproductive Justice (CLRJ), issued the following statement on today's SCOTUS ruling:

"Today's Supreme Court decision is a step towards re-establishing our bodily autonomy, our right to decide over our own bodies and what is best for us and our families. With over 200 anti-abortion laws passed in this country in the last 5 years, in California we are proud to continue to push forward laws that expand healthcare access, including abortion, to anyone seeking services regardless of zip code, income bracket, gender, sexual orientation, or immigration status.

While we celebrate today's decision with our Reproductive Justice partners across the country, we also know this is one step in the right direction on the long road to dignity, justice, and reproductive justice for our all communities.

For California's Latinx communities, this decision reminds us that we must continue to push forward. We know that just because healthcare services, including abortion, are legal, it does not mean they are accessible to everyone. Our reproductive justice work is, was, and will always be centered around the needs of communities that continue to be at the margins lacking access to the healthcare services they need.

It is now more important than ever for Latinx to continue to raise our voices in the midst of these important struggles and tell our own reproductive justice stories about abortion as we continue to fight for the dignity and bodily autonomy of all our communities."

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About California Latinas for Reproductive Justice (CLRJ)

CLRJ is the only Latina led statewide reproductive justice organization in California building Latinas' power and cultivating leadership through community education, policy advocacy, and community informed research. We advance reproductive rights through an intersectional social justice and human rights framework that is committed to honoring the experiences of the more than 7 million Latinas in California, as we to uphold our dignity, our bodies, sexuality, and families.