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CLRJ CONDEMNS TODAY'S SUPREME COURT'S DECISIONS

Washington DC (June 26, 2018) --- Today the Supreme Court ruled against the well-being of our communities 5 to 4, by striking down the 2015 California FACT Act in *NIFLA v. Becerra*, allowing anti-abortion fake women's health clinics, (so-called crisis pregnancy centers), to continue intentionally deceiving our communities. In addition, the Supreme Court ruled in favor of the current administration's Muslim travel ban. CLRJ joins the Reproductive Justice community across the United States in condemning today's decisions by the Supreme Court to strike down California's Reproductive FACT Act and uphold the racist and xenophobic travel ban.

In the state of California, where at least 7.5 million Latinas reside, the FACT Act, which went into effect in 2016, provided the minimum protection for our communities by requiring fake women's health centers to disclose whether there is a licensed medical professional providing or supervising the facility or, in some cases, post a small notice about the availability of comprehensive state family planning and prenatal care. Fake women's health centers outnumber clinics with certified medical personnel, many receive federal funding, and they are often strategically located in low-income communities of color. Fake women's health clinics target Latinas/xs by strategically locating them next to reputable health clinics and/or in communities with little to no access to healthcare services.

The heightened duress and significant language, cultural, and economic barriers the Latina/x communities already experience in trying to access services is further compounded by this decision that puts our well-being at risk. This decision is a clear threat to the much-needed safety, information and affordable health services our communities need. Today, the Supreme Court affirmed that anyone can masquerade as a medical professional and distribute medically inaccurate information to pregnant women seeking abortion care. These lies have direct consequences on the lives of people of color across the country.

Today's decision by the nation's highest court demonstrates their unwillingness to protect the well-being of people from fake women's health centers allowing them to lie and to misinform people seeking abortion services and healthcare services during a very vulnerable and critical time in their lives. Instead of improving access to basic health care services such as abortion for all, the court has ruled in favor of lying to pregnant people about their options and the types of resources available to them. We strongly condemn the recent court decisions that discriminate against our LGBTQIA+ communities, today's decision to uphold a racist xenophobic travel ban, and the 5 to 4 decision that overturns the FACT Act, all of which will only leave our communities more vulnerable.



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CLRJ is a statewide organization committed to honoring the experiences of Latinas to uphold our dignity, our bodies, sexuality, and families. We build Latinas' power and cultivate leadership through community education, policy advocacy, and community informed research to achieve Reproductive Justice. Learn more about California Latinas for Reproductive Justice at www.californialatinas.org

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