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Supreme Court Decides to Hear Louisiana Abortion Case

Wichita, KS—The U.S. Supreme Court announced today it will take up a Louisiana abortion case involving a law, ACT 620, that requires doctors who perform abortions to have admitting privileges at a hospital within 30 miles of their facility—which is very similar to the Texas law. ACT 620 was passed in the Louisiana Legislature in 2014 but has never gone into effect due to ongoing court battles.

Julie Burkhart, founder and CEO of Trust Women stated, “The Supreme Court made the right decision to hear this case. We hope they come to the same conclusion as in *Whole Woman’s Health v. Hellerstedt* because this requirement imposes a significant burden on a woman’s right to abortion.” While this case does not directly challenge *Roe v. Wade*, abortion advocates are fearful that this could open doors for justices to dismantle abortion rights. “By hearing this case, the Supreme Court blocked the law from going into effect but that does not guarantee the ruling will be in favor of abortion rights. The Supreme Court could potentially reverse their 2016 precedent or permanently block restrictions like this.”

This is the first abortion case that will be argued since Brett Kavanaugh and Neil Gorsuch joined the Supreme Court. “Hopefully, the Supreme Court will not ignore their 2016 precedent. If this law is allowed to stand, the women of Louisiana will lose access to reproductive health care and be subjected to more undue burdens including creating a public health crisis for women who need access to essential reproductive health care,” concluded Burkhart.

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Trust Women opens clinics that provide abortion services in underserved communities so that all women can make their own decisions about their healthcare.

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