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United States Supreme Court Rejects Kentucky Ultrasound Challenge

Wichita, KS — The U.S. Supreme Court on Monday rejected a challenge to a Kentucky abortion restriction requiring physicians to perform and describe ultrasounds to patients. The Kentucky law also requires that physicians ensure fetal heart tones are audible, regardless of the patient's wishes.

Julie Burkhart, founder and CEO of Trust Women, stated, "It is disheartening that the Supreme Court rejected the Kentucky case. This law, which will now go into effect, will cause distress for some, and even torture for others, who are simply attempting to access abortion care. Women don't need legislators dictating physicians' speech during an ultrasound. Women know what pregnancy is all about, since they are the givers of life."

The Justices did not offer an explanation for their decision; refusing to hear arguments after the law was upheld by the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. In 2017, a federal judge previously struck the law down as a violation of the First Amendment. The law had been enjoined until the Supreme Court decided on the case.

"This law illustrates that we need more boots-on-the-ground in states that are losing access to abortion rights, such as Kentucky. The U.S. Supreme Court is out of touch with our political process and the will of the people. Especially since Republican Gov. Matt Bevin, lost the re-election last month because he focused mainly on abortion. The defeat demonstrates that people of Kentucky are aware of the need for reproductive health care," concluded Burkhart.

Kentucky is one of 7 states that has only one abortion providing clinic.

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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 health care.

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