

September 22, 2022

Jack Resneck Jr., MD
President
American Medical Association
AMA Plaza
330 N. Wabash Ave, Suite 39300
Chicago, IL 60611

Dear Dr. Resneck:

I write to seek the American Medical Association's perspective on the potential impact of a nationwide ban on abortion, including legislation introduced last week in the United States Senate. In the aftermath of the Supreme Court's reckless decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, abortion bans have taken effect in multiple states across the country.¹ Last month, I wrote to you to seek information on the effects of these state-imposed abortion restrictions² and the horrifying reports of women who are being denied urgent and critical pregnancy care, reproductive care, and even non-reproductive health care due to these extreme restrictions. I appreciate your response to that request.³

Last week, Senator Lindsey Graham introduced radical legislation to ban abortion nationwide. The bill, Senate Republicans' most aggressive legislation yet,⁴ would ban all abortions after 15 weeks with only limited exceptions, stripping women of the right to make decisions about their own bodies and criminalizing providers of crucial reproductive health care – and allow states to impose even more stringent and cruel abolitions.⁵

But as recent reporting has suggested, the effects of abortion restrictions extend far beyond abortion care itself. In the weeks since the Supreme Court eliminated the constitutional

¹ New York Times, "Tracking the States Where Abortion Is Now Banned," updated September 16, 2022, <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2022/us/abortion-laws-roe-v-wade.html>.

² Office of Senator Elizabeth Warren, "Warren Opens Investigation into State-Imposed Abortion Restrictions and Their Impacts on Women's Access to Health Care," August 2022, <https://www.warren.senate.gov/newsroom/press-releases/warren-opens-investigation-into-state-imposed-abortion-restrictions-and-their-impacts-on-womens-access-to-health-care>.

³ Response Letter from American Medical Association to Senator Elizabeth Warren, [On File with the Office of Senator Elizabeth Warren].

⁴ Politico, "Graham's abortion ban stuns Senate GOP," Burgess Everett, Marianne Levine, and Sarah Ferris, September 13, 2022, <https://www.politico.com/news/2022/09/13/grahams-abortion-ban-senate-gop-00056423>.

⁵ Protecting Pain-Capable Unborn Children from Late-Term Abortions Act, S. 4840, <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/4840?s=1&r=5>.

right to an abortion, women in states like Texas,⁶ Missouri,⁷ Ohio,⁸ and Tennessee⁹ have been denied critical pregnancy care, reproductive care, and non-reproductive health care as a result of vague and draconian state laws criminalizing choice. And providers have been put into impossible situations, potentially facing severe civil and criminal penalties for offering medically necessary care to their patients.¹⁰ The stories are shocking and horrific – and would be even worse in the wake of a national ban on abortion.

I am writing to the American Medical Association—and other leading organizations representing physicians, nurses, pharmacists, and other health care providers—to better understand the effect of the Republican proposal to ban abortions after 15 weeks across the United States on pregnancy care (such as care for miscarriages and ectopic pregnancies), reproductive care (such as emergency contraception and fertility services), and any other form of health care. Accordingly, I request that you answer the following questions by September 30, 2022:

1. How would the proposed national abortion ban affect patients?
 - a. Would the ban result in diminished access to pregnancy care, reproductive care, or any other form of health care? If so, please explain.
 - b. Would the ban result in delays in care for patients? If so, please explain.
2. How would the proposed national abortion ban affect physicians?
 - a. Would the national ban affect physicians’ ability to independently exercise their medical judgment? If so, please explain.
 - b. Would the national ban affect physicians’ ability to provide the full range of care necessary for their patients? If so, please explain.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth Warren
United States Senator

⁶ See, e.g., NPR, “Because of Texas abortion law, her wanted pregnancy became a medical nightmare,” Carrie Feibel, July 26, 2022, <https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2022/07/26/1111280165/because-of-texas-abortion-law-her-wanted-pregnancy-became-a-medical-nightmare>; Associated Press, “Abortion laws spark profound changes in other medical care,” Lindsey Tanner, July 16, 2022, <https://apnews.com/article/abortion-science-health-medication-lupus-e4042947e4cc0c45e38837d394199033>.

⁷ See, e.g., Washington Post, “Confusion post-Roe spurs delays, denials for some lifesaving pregnancy care,” Frances Stead Sellers and Fenit Nirappil, July 16, 2022, <https://www.washingtonpost.com/health/2022/07/16/abortion-miscarriage-ectopic-pregnancy-care>.

⁸ See, e.g., Associated Press, “Abortion laws spark profound changes in other medical care,” Lindsey Tanner, July 16, 2022, <https://apnews.com/article/abortion-science-health-medication-lupus-e4042947e4cc0c45e38837d394199033>.

⁹ See, e.g., New York Times, “‘They’re Just Going to Let Me Die?’ One Woman’s Abortion Odyssey,” Neelam Bohra, August 1, 2022, <https://www.nytimes.com/2022/08/01/us/abortion-journey-crossing-states.html>.

¹⁰ NPR, “Doctors weren’t considered in Dobbs, but now they’re on abortion’s legal front lines,” Selena Simmons-Duffin, July 3, 2022, <https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2022/07/03/1109483662/doctors-werent-considered-in-dobbs-but-now-theyre-on-abortions-legal-front-lines>.

September 22, 2022

Jamila Perritt, MD, MPH
President and CEO
Physicians for Reproductive Health
PO Box 35
Hartsdale, NY 10530

Dear Dr. Perritt:

I write to seek Physicians for Reproductive Health's perspective on the potential impact of a nationwide ban on abortion, including legislation introduced last week in the United States Senate. In the aftermath of the Supreme Court's reckless decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, abortion bans have taken effect in multiple states across the country.¹ Last month, I wrote to you to seek information on the effects of these state-imposed abortion restrictions² and the horrifying reports of women who are being denied urgent and critical pregnancy care, reproductive care, and even non-reproductive health care due to these extreme restrictions. I appreciate your response to that request.³

Last week, Senator Lindsey Graham introduced radical legislation to ban abortion nationwide. The bill, Senate Republicans' most aggressive legislation yet,⁴ would ban all abortions after 15 weeks with only limited exceptions, stripping women of the right to make decisions about their own bodies and criminalizing providers of crucial reproductive health care – and allow states to impose even more stringent and cruel abolitions.⁵

But as recent reporting has suggested, the effects of abortion restrictions extend far beyond abortion care itself. In the weeks since the Supreme Court eliminated the constitutional

¹ New York Times, "Tracking the States Where Abortion Is Now Banned," updated September 16, 2022, <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2022/us/abortion-laws-roe-v-wade.html>.

² Office of Senator Elizabeth Warren, "Warren Opens Investigation into State-Imposed Abortion Restrictions and Their Impacts on Women's Access to Health Care," August 2022, <https://www.warren.senate.gov/newsroom/press-releases/warren-opens-investigation-into-state-imposed-abortion-restrictions-and-their-impacts-on-womens-access-to-health-care>.

³ Response Letter from Physicians for Reproductive Health to Senator Elizabeth Warren, [On File with the Office of Senator Elizabeth Warren].

⁴ Politico, "Graham's abortion ban stuns Senate GOP," Burgess Everett, Marianne Levine, and Sarah Ferris, September 13, 2022, <https://www.politico.com/news/2022/09/13/grahams-abortion-ban-senate-gop-00056423>.

⁵ Protecting Pain-Capable Unborn Children from Late-Term Abortions Act, S. 4840, <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/4840?s=1&r=5>.

right to an abortion, women in states like Texas,⁶ Missouri,⁷ Ohio,⁸ and Tennessee⁹ have been denied critical pregnancy care, reproductive care, and non-reproductive health care as a result of vague and draconian state laws criminalizing choice. And providers have been put into impossible situations, potentially facing severe civil and criminal penalties for offering medically necessary care to their patients.¹⁰ The stories are shocking and horrific – and would be even worse in the wake of a national ban on abortion.

I am writing to the Physician’s for Reproductive Health—and other leading organizations representing physicians, nurses, pharmacists, and other health care providers—to better understand the effect of the Republican proposal to ban abortions after 15 weeks in the United States, including pregnancy care (such as care for miscarriages and ectopic pregnancies), reproductive care (such as emergency contraception and fertility services), and any other form of health care. Accordingly, I request that you answer the following questions by September 30, 2022:

1. How would the proposed national abortion ban affect patients?
 - a. Would the ban result in diminished access to pregnancy care, reproductive care, or any other form of health care? If so, please explain.
 - b. Would the ban result in delays in care for patients? If so, please explain.
2. How have the proposed national abortion ban affect physicians?
 - a. Would the national ban affect physicians’ ability to independently exercise their medical judgment? If so, please explain.
 - b. Would the national ban affect physicians’ ability to provide the full range of care necessary for their patients? If so, please explain.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth Warren
United States Senator

⁶ See, e.g., NPR, “Because of Texas abortion law, her wanted pregnancy became a medical nightmare,” Carrie Feibel, July 26, 2022, <https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2022/07/26/1111280165/because-of-texas-abortion-law-her-wanted-pregnancy-became-a-medical-nightmare>; Associated Press, “Abortion laws spark profound changes in other medical care,” Lindsey Tanner, July 16, 2022, <https://apnews.com/article/abortion-science-health-medication-lupus-e4042947e4cc0c45e38837d394199033>.

⁷ See, e.g., Washington Post, “Confusion post-Roe spurs delays, denials for some lifesaving pregnancy care,” Frances Stead Sellers and Fenit Nirappil, July 16, 2022, <https://www.washingtonpost.com/health/2022/07/16/abortion-miscarriage-ectopic-pregnancy-care>.

⁸ See, e.g., Associated Press, “Abortion laws spark profound changes in other medical care,” Lindsey Tanner, July 16, 2022, <https://apnews.com/article/abortion-science-health-medication-lupus-e4042947e4cc0c45e38837d394199033>.

⁹ See, e.g., New York Times, “‘They’re Just Going to Let Me Die?’ One Woman’s Abortion Odyssey,” Neelam Bohra, August 1, 2022, <https://www.nytimes.com/2022/08/01/us/abortion-journey-crossing-states.html>.

¹⁰ NPR, “Doctors weren’t considered in Dobbs, but now they’re on abortion’s legal front lines,” Selena Simmons-Duffin, July 3, 2022, <https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2022/07/03/1109483662/doctors-werent-considered-in-dobbs-but-now-theyre-on-abortions-legal-front-lines>.

ELIZABETH WARREN
MASSACHUSETTS

COMMITTEES:
BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS
ARMED SERVICES
FINANCE
SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

United States Senate

UNITED STATES SENATE
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-2105
P: 202-224-4543

2400 JFK FEDERAL BUILDING
15 NEW SUDBURY STREET
BOSTON, MA 02203
P: 617-565-3170

1550 MAIN STREET
SUITE 406
SPRINGFIELD, MA 01103
P: 413-788-2690

www.warren.senate.gov

September 22, 2022

Bonnie Castillo, RN
Executive Director
National Nurses United
155 Grand Ave, Suite 100
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Ms. Castillo:

I write to seek National Nurse United's perspective on the potential impact of a nationwide ban on abortion, including legislation introduced last week in the United States Senate. In the aftermath of the Supreme Court's reckless decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, abortion bans have taken effect in multiple states across the country.¹ Last month, I wrote to you to seek information on the effects of these state-imposed abortion restrictions² and the horrifying reports of women who are being denied urgent and critical pregnancy care, reproductive care, and even non-reproductive health care due to these extreme restrictions. I appreciate your response to that request.³

Last week, Senator Lindsey Graham introduced radical legislation to ban abortion nationwide. The bill, Senate Republicans' most aggressive legislation yet,⁴ would ban all abortions after 15 weeks with only limited exceptions, stripping women of the right to make decisions about their own bodies and criminalizing providers of crucial reproductive health care – and allow states to impose even more stringent and cruel abolitions.⁵

But as recent reporting has suggested, the effects of abortion restrictions extend far beyond abortion care itself. In the weeks since the Supreme Court eliminated the constitutional

¹ New York Times, "Tracking the States Where Abortion Is Now Banned," updated September 16, 2022, <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2022/us/abortion-laws-roe-v-wade.html>.

² Office of Senator Elizabeth Warren, "Warren Opens Investigation into State-Imposed Abortion Restrictions and Their Impacts on Women's Access to Health Care," August 2022, <https://www.warren.senate.gov/newsroom/press-releases/warren-opens-investigation-into-state-imposed-abortion-restrictions-and-their-impacts-on-womens-access-to-health-care>.

³ Response Letter from National Nurses United to Senator Elizabeth Warren, [On File with the Office of Senator Elizabeth Warren].

⁴ Politico, "Graham's abortion ban stuns Senate GOP," Burgess Everett, Marianne Levine, and Sarah Ferris, September 13, 2022, <https://www.politico.com/news/2022/09/13/grahams-abortion-ban-senate-gop-00056423>.

⁵ Protecting Pain-Capable Unborn Children from Late-Term Abortions Act, S. 4840, <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/4840?s=1&r=5>.

right to an abortion, women in states like Texas,⁶ Missouri,⁷ Ohio,⁸ and Tennessee⁹ have been denied critical pregnancy care, reproductive care, and non-reproductive health care as a result of vague and draconian state laws criminalizing choice. And providers have been put into impossible situations, potentially facing severe civil and criminal penalties for offering medically necessary care to their patients.¹⁰ The stories are shocking and horrific – and would be even worse in the wake of a national ban on abortion.

I am writing to National Nurse United—and other leading organizations representing physicians, nurses, pharmacists, and other health care providers—to better understand the effect of the Republican proposal to ban abortions after 15 weeks in the United States, including pregnancy care (such as care for miscarriages and ectopic pregnancies), reproductive care (such as emergency contraception and fertility services), and any other form of health care. Accordingly, I request that you answer the following questions by September 30, 2022:

1. How would the proposed national abortion ban affect patients?
 - a. Would the ban result in diminished access to pregnancy care, reproductive care, or any other form of health care? If so, please explain.
 - b. Would the ban result in delays in care for patients? If so, please explain.
2. How have the proposed national abortion ban affect nurses?
 - a. Would the national ban affect nurses' ability to independently exercise their medical judgment? If so, please explain.
 - b. Would the national ban affect nurses' ability to provide the full range of care necessary for their patients? If so, please explain.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth Warren
United States Senator

⁶ See, e.g., NPR, “Because of Texas abortion law, her wanted pregnancy became a medical nightmare,” Carrie Feibel, July 26, 2022, <https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2022/07/26/1111280165/because-of-texas-abortion-law-her-wanted-pregnancy-became-a-medical-nightmare>; Associated Press, “Abortion laws spark profound changes in other medical care,” Lindsey Tanner, July 16, 2022, <https://apnews.com/article/abortion-science-health-medication-lupus-e4042947e4cc0c45e38837d394199033>.

⁷ See, e.g., Washington Post, “Confusion post-Roe spurs delays, denials for some lifesaving pregnancy care,” Frances Stead Sellers and Fenit Nirappil, July 16, 2022, <https://www.washingtonpost.com/health/2022/07/16/abortion-miscarriage-ectopic-pregnancy-care>.

⁸ See, e.g., Associated Press, “Abortion laws spark profound changes in other medical care,” Lindsey Tanner, July 16, 2022, <https://apnews.com/article/abortion-science-health-medication-lupus-e4042947e4cc0c45e38837d394199033>.

⁹ See, e.g., New York Times, “‘They’re Just Going to Let Me Die?’ One Woman’s Abortion Odyssey,” Neelam Bohra, August 1, 2022, <https://www.nytimes.com/2022/08/01/us/abortion-journey-crossing-states.html>.

¹⁰ NPR, “Doctors weren’t considered in Dobbs, but now they’re on abortion’s legal front lines,” Selena Simmons-Duffin, July 3, 2022, <https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2022/07/03/1109483662/doctors-werent-considered-in-dobbs-but-now-theyre-on-abortions-legal-front-lines>.

ELIZABETH WARREN
MASSACHUSETTS

COMMITTEES:
BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS
ARMED SERVICES
FINANCE
SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

United States Senate

UNITED STATES SENATE
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-2105
P: 202-224-4543

2400 JFK FEDERAL BUILDING
15 NEW SUDBURY STREET
BOSTON, MA 02203
P: 617-565-3170

1550 MAIN STREET
SUITE 406
SPRINGFIELD, MA 01103
P: 413-788-2690

www.warren.senate.gov

September 22, 2022

Theresa Tolle, BPharm, FAPhA
President
American Pharmacists Association
2215 Constitution Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20037

Dear Ms. Tolle:

I write to seek the American Pharmacists Association's perspective on the potential impact of a nationwide ban on abortion, including legislation introduced last week in the United States Senate. In the aftermath of the Supreme Court's reckless decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, abortion bans have taken effect in multiple states across the country.¹ Last month, I wrote to you to seek information on the effects of these state-imposed abortion restrictions² and the horrifying reports of women who are being denied urgent and critical pregnancy care, reproductive care, and even non-reproductive health care due to these extreme restrictions. I appreciate your response to that request.³

Last week, Senator Lindsey Graham introduced radical legislation to ban abortion nationwide. The bill, Senate Republicans' most aggressive legislation yet,⁴ would ban all abortions after 15 weeks with only limited exceptions, stripping women of the right to make decisions about their own bodies and criminalizing providers of crucial reproductive health care – and allow states to impose even more stringent and cruel abolitions.⁵

But as recent reporting has suggested, the effects of abortion restrictions extend far beyond abortion care itself. In the weeks since the Supreme Court eliminated the constitutional

¹ New York Times, "Tracking the States Where Abortion Is Now Banned," updated September 16, 2022, <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2022/us/abortion-laws-roe-v-wade.html>.

² Office of Senator Elizabeth Warren, "Warren Opens Investigation into State-Imposed Abortion Restrictions and Their Impacts on Women's Access to Health Care," August 2022, <https://www.warren.senate.gov/newsroom/press-releases/warren-opens-investigation-into-state-imposed-abortion-restrictions-and-their-impacts-on-womens-access-to-health-care>.

³ Response Letter from American Pharmacists Association to Senator Elizabeth Warren, [On File with the Office of Senator Elizabeth Warren].

⁴ Politico, "Graham's abortion ban stuns Senate GOP," Burgess Everett, Marianne Levine, and Sarah Ferris, September 13, 2022, <https://www.politico.com/news/2022/09/13/grahams-abortion-ban-senate-gop-00056423>.

⁵ Protecting Pain-Capable Unborn Children from Late-Term Abortions Act, S. 4840, <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/4840?s=1&r=5>.

right to an abortion, women in states like Texas,⁶ Missouri,⁷ Ohio,⁸ and Tennessee⁹ have been denied critical pregnancy care, reproductive care, and non-reproductive health care as a result of vague and draconian state laws criminalizing choice. And providers have been put into impossible situations, potentially facing severe civil and criminal penalties for offering medically necessary care to their patients.¹⁰ The stories are shocking and horrific – and would be even worse in the wake of a national ban on abortion.

I am writing to the American Pharmacists Association —and other leading organizations representing physicians, nurses, pharmacists, and other health care providers—to better understand the effect of the Republican proposal to ban abortions after 15 weeks in the United States, including pregnancy care (such as care for miscarriages and ectopic pregnancies), reproductive care (such as emergency contraception and fertility services), and any other form of health care. Accordingly, I request that you answer the following questions by September 30, 2022:

1. How would the proposed national abortion ban affect patients?
 - a. Would the ban result in diminished access to pregnancy care, reproductive care, or any other form of health care? If so, please explain.
 - b. Would the ban result in delays in care for patients? If so, please explain.
2. How have the proposed national abortion ban affect pharmacists?
 - a. Would the national ban affect pharmacists’ ability to independently exercise their medical judgment? If so, please explain.
 - b. Would the national ban affect pharmacists’ ability to provide the full range of care necessary for their patients? If so, please explain.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth Warren
United States Senator

⁶ See, e.g., NPR, “Because of Texas abortion law, her wanted pregnancy became a medical nightmare,” Carrie Feibel, July 26, 2022, <https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2022/07/26/1111280165/because-of-texas-abortion-law-her-wanted-pregnancy-became-a-medical-nightmare>; Associated Press, “Abortion laws spark profound changes in other medical care,” Lindsey Tanner, July 16, 2022, <https://apnews.com/article/abortion-science-health-medication-lupus-e4042947e4cc0c45e38837d394199033>.

⁷ See, e.g., Washington Post, “Confusion post-Roe spurs delays, denials for some lifesaving pregnancy care,” Frances Stead Sellers and Fenit Nirappil, July 16, 2022, <https://www.washingtonpost.com/health/2022/07/16/abortion-miscarriage-ectopic-pregnancy-care>.

⁸ See, e.g., Associated Press, “Abortion laws spark profound changes in other medical care,” Lindsey Tanner, July 16, 2022, <https://apnews.com/article/abortion-science-health-medication-lupus-e4042947e4cc0c45e38837d394199033>.

⁹ See, e.g., New York Times, “‘They’re Just Going to Let Me Die?’ One Woman’s Abortion Odyssey,” Neelam Bohra, August 1, 2022, <https://www.nytimes.com/2022/08/01/us/abortion-journey-crossing-states.html>.

¹⁰ NPR, “Doctors weren’t considered in Dobbs, but now they’re on abortion’s legal front lines,” Selena Simmons-Duffin, July 3, 2022, <https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2022/07/03/1109483662/doctors-werent-considered-in-dobbs-but-now-theyre-on-abortions-legal-front-lines>.

September 22, 2022

Richard J. Pollack
President and CEO
American Hospital Association
800 10th St. NW
Two CityCenter, Suite 400
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Mr. Pollack:

I write to seek the American Hospital Association's perspective on the potential impact of a nationwide ban on abortion, including legislation introduced last week in the United States Senate. In the aftermath of the Supreme Court's reckless decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, abortion bans have taken effect in multiple states across the country.¹ Last month, I wrote to you to seek information on the effects of these state-imposed abortion restrictions² and the horrifying reports of women who are being denied urgent and critical pregnancy care, reproductive care, and even non-reproductive health care due to these extreme restrictions. I appreciate your response to that request.³

Last week, Senator Lindsey Graham introduced radical legislation to ban abortion nationwide. The bill, Senate Republicans' most aggressive legislation yet,⁴ would ban all abortions after 15 weeks with only limited exceptions, stripping women of the right to make decisions about their own bodies and criminalizing providers of crucial reproductive health care – and allow states to impose even more stringent and cruel abolitions.⁵

But as recent reporting has suggested, the effects of abortion restrictions extend far beyond abortion care itself. In the weeks since the Supreme Court eliminated the constitutional

¹ New York Times, "Tracking the States Where Abortion Is Now Banned," updated September 16, 2022, <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2022/us/abortion-laws-roe-v-wade.html>.

² Office of Senator Elizabeth Warren, "Warren Opens Investigation into State-Imposed Abortion Restrictions and Their Impacts on Women's Access to Health Care," August 2022, <https://www.warren.senate.gov/newsroom/press-releases/warren-opens-investigation-into-state-imposed-abortion-restrictions-and-their-impacts-on-womens-access-to-health-care>.

³ Response Letter from American Hospital Association to Senator Elizabeth Warren, [On File with the Office of Senator Elizabeth Warren].

⁴ Politico, "Graham's abortion ban stuns Senate GOP," Burgess Everett, Marianne Levine, and Sarah Ferris, September 13, 2022, <https://www.politico.com/news/2022/09/13/grahams-abortion-ban-senate-gop-00056423>.

⁵ Protecting Pain-Capable Unborn Children from Late-Term Abortions Act, S. 4840, <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/4840?s=1&r=5>.

right to an abortion, women in states like Texas,⁶ Missouri,⁷ Ohio,⁸ and Tennessee⁹ have been denied critical pregnancy care, reproductive care, and non-reproductive health care as a result of vague and draconian state laws criminalizing choice. And providers have been put into impossible situations, potentially facing severe civil and criminal penalties for offering medically necessary care to their patients.¹⁰ The stories are shocking and horrific – and would be even worse in the wake of a national ban on abortion.

I am writing to the American Hospital Association—and other leading organizations representing physicians, nurses, pharmacists, and other health care providers—to better understand the effect of existing state-level bans, and of the Republican proposal to ban abortions after 15 weeks in the United States, including pregnancy care (such as care for miscarriages and ectopic pregnancies), reproductive care (such as emergency contraception and fertility services), and any other form of health care. Accordingly, I request that you answer the following questions by September 30, 2022:

1. How would the proposed national ban affect hospitals and their patients?
 - a. Would the proposed national ban result in diminished access to pregnancy care, reproductive care, or any other form of health care? If so, please explain.
 - b. Would the proposed national ban on abortion care result in delays in care for patients? If so, please explain.
2. How would the proposed national ban affect hospitals and the physicians who provide care at these hospitals?
 - a. Would the proposed national ban affect physicians' ability to independently exercise their medical judgment? If so, please explain.
 - b. Would the proposed national ban affect physicians' ability to provide the full range of care necessary for their patients? If so, please explain.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth Warren
United States Senator

⁶ See, e.g., NPR, “Because of Texas abortion law, her wanted pregnancy became a medical nightmare,” Carrie Feibel, July 26, 2022, <https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2022/07/26/1111280165/because-of-texas-abortion-law-her-wanted-pregnancy-became-a-medical-nightmare>; Associated Press, “Abortion laws spark profound changes in other medical care,” Lindsey Tanner, July 16, 2022, <https://apnews.com/article/abortion-science-health-medication-lupus-e4042947e4cc0c45e38837d394199033>.

⁷ See, e.g., Washington Post, “Confusion post-Roe spurs delays, denials for some lifesaving pregnancy care,” Frances Stead Sellers and Fenit Nirappil, July 16, 2022, <https://www.washingtonpost.com/health/2022/07/16/abortion-miscarriage-ectopic-pregnancy-care>.

⁸ See, e.g., Associated Press, “Abortion laws spark profound changes in other medical care,” Lindsey Tanner, July 16, 2022, <https://apnews.com/article/abortion-science-health-medication-lupus-e4042947e4cc0c45e38837d394199033>.

⁹ See, e.g., New York Times, “‘They’re Just Going to Let Me Die?’ One Woman’s Abortion Odyssey,” Neelam Bohra, August 1, 2022, <https://www.nytimes.com/2022/08/01/us/abortion-journey-crossing-states.html>.

¹⁰ NPR, “Doctors weren’t considered in Dobbs, but now they’re on abortion’s legal front lines,” Selena Simmons-Duffin, July 3, 2022, <https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2022/07/03/1109483662/doctors-werent-considered-in-dobbs-but-now-theyre-on-abortions-legal-front-lines>.