Violence and Harassment Targeting Abortion Care Amicus Brief

Amici are organizations committed to the safety of abortion care providers and their patients.

This brief presents striking evidence, from Louisiana and throughout the nation, of anti-abortion violence and harassment.

This climate of hostility and fear impacts hospitals making admitting privileges decisions; covering physicians who must agree to be listed on applications; abortion providers who find themselves isolated when an admitting privileges law forces other abortion providers to cease providing care; and clinics trying to secure doctors who have admitting privileges.

This brief urges the Supreme Court to adhere to its 2016 precedent Whole Woman’s Health v. Hellerstedt, which took into account the real-world fact that clinics would close because physicians could not obtain admitting privileges due to the hostility directed at abortion care.

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