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THE WOMEN'S HEALTH PROTECTION ACT (S.510/H.R.1322) & THE WHOLE WOMAN'S HEALTH ACT

Topline Messages:

- While it is essential that the Supreme Court protects our rights, it is also the responsibility of Congress to enact policy that advances reproductive health and rights. After years of relentless assaults on women's health, safety, and constitutional rights, **it's time we had a federal law that puts our health and rights first.**
- The Women's Health Protection Act would prohibit states from imposing restrictions like the clinic shutdown laws struck down in the *Whole Woman's Health* decision. But it reaches beyond that, blocking many other types of laws that limit women's access to safe and legal abortion services and shame women for their health care decisions.
- While the state-level enactment of the Whole Woman's Health Act is an essential first step, we will still have a patchwork of laws where women in pro-choice states have more access than women in anti-choice states. The Women's Health Protection Act is a measure to address this inconsistency between the states, but until that happens, **states can and must act now to implement the promise of *Whole Woman's Health*.**
- While it is essential that the Supreme Court continues to uphold our constitutional rights, it is also the responsibility of lawmakers at all levels to take their own steps to protect women's rights and access to safe and legal abortion care. The federal Women's Health Protection Act and the state bill, Whole Woman's Health Act, **build upon the recent victory in *Whole Woman's Health*, providing additional legal tools through which to challenge abortion restrictions.**

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