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July 11, 2022

The Honorable Tom Wolf  
508 Main Capitol Building  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Governor Wolf,

On behalf of the Women's Health Caucus, we thank you for your dedication and support of reproductive healthcare for Pennsylvanians. Together, we have been able to successfully protect the rights of residents across the Commonwealth, despite Members of the majority party attempting to strip those rights away.

Pennsylvania is now one of the five most convenient places people will travel for safe and legal abortion care. Like other states where abortion remains legal, we are witnessing residents of neighboring states coming here to receive care. While abortion is legal in Pennsylvania at least through 2022, the *Dobbs* decision has resulted in antiabortion states removing their citizen's personal freedom, and we are now witnessing efforts to force their extremist beliefs across states' boundaries.<sup>1</sup>

To combat this, Governors in Massachusetts<sup>2</sup>, Minnesota<sup>3</sup>, and New Mexico<sup>4</sup> signed executive orders to protect providers who serve out-of-state citizens. Some of these states also made these protections explicit. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania should do the same to ensure that healthcare professionals who provide legal abortion care and patients who receive such care are safe from potential disciplinary, legal, or criminal action from other states. Providers and patients deserve these protections.

To that end, we write today to request that the Administration take immediate action within its executive powers to ensure our providers are protected from out-of-state laws attempting to bully

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.pbs.org/newshour/politics/missouri-considers-law-to-make-illegal-to-aid-or-abet-out-of-state>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.mass.gov/executive-orders/no-600-protecting-access-to-reproductive-health-care-services-in-the-commonwealth?n>

<sup>3</sup> [https://mn.gov/governor/assets/EO%202022-16\\_tcm1055-532111.pdf](https://mn.gov/governor/assets/EO%202022-16_tcm1055-532111.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.governor.state.nm.us/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Executive-Order-2022-107.pdf>

our healthcare professionals and limit their ability to provide legal healthcare. We also request that the Administration protect patients seeking and receiving care in the commonwealth.

We ask that the Administration take the following immediate actions:

- Prohibit executive departments and agencies from assisting another state's investigation into a person or entity for receiving or delivering reproductive health services that are legal in Pennsylvania.
- Direct the Secretary of State to work with the boards of professional licensure, to the extent their independence can be maintained, to protect Pennsylvania providers who deliver reproductive health care services from losing their professional licenses or receiving other professional discipline based on out-of-state charges so long as the services would have been lawful and consistent with standards for good professional practice in Pennsylvania.
- Decline to cooperate with extradition requests from other states pursuing criminal charges against individuals who received, assisted with, or performed legal reproductive health services in Pennsylvania.

While abortion remains legal in Pennsylvania, we are well aware of the legislative actions throughout the country to interfere with our citizens' freedom. Now is *not* the time to stop the fight; rather we must do our part to offer protections to patients from around the country, and the providers who serve them.

Thank you for your attention to these sensitive requests. We look forward to the opportunity to further discuss and act together.

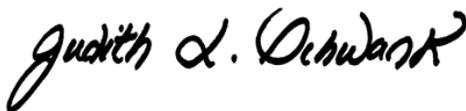
Respectfully yours,



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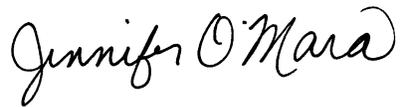
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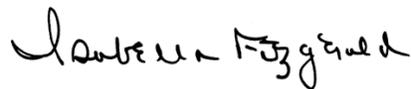
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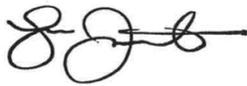
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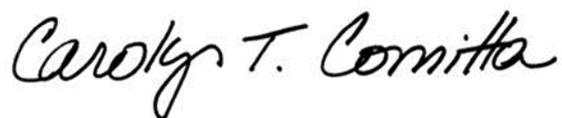
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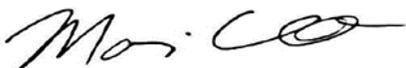
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