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**Whole Woman's Health Statement on Cert. Petition Filing to the Supreme Court of the United States regarding HB2**

**Below is a Statement from Amy Hagstrom Miller, President and CEO, Whole Woman's Health:**

"It's been a long and arduous road to get to today's filing, but that's nothing compared to the obstacles that Texas women seeking reproductive health services will face if the Supreme Court of the United States denies our request and allows HB2 to fully go into effect.

By passing HB2, lawmakers forced us to permanently close our clinics in Beaumont and Austin. While our Fort Worth and McAllen clinics are currently open, they have both had to close at various points over the last two years, leading to financial strain and overall confusion--some women even questioning if abortion is still LEGAL in the state of Texas.

I've said it before and I'll say it again: these restrictions have nothing to do with protecting women and everything to do with closing down clinics and pushing abortion care out of reach. When politicians force clinics to close, they multiply the devastating albeit unnecessary hurdles that Texas women must overcome when seeking reproductive health care.

Our ability to get safe medical care should not depend on whether we have the resources necessary to navigate a horrific and complex obstacle course dreamt up by anti-choice lawmakers. This is the real world and these laws have real implications on real women's lives.

We're hopeful that the Supreme Court will take a stand, hear our case, and remind lawmakers that women's health is not a game. "

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*Whole Woman's Health is a woman owned and woman centered organization, committed to providing holistic healthcare for women. We are a group of clinics providing comprehensive gynecology services, including compassionate abortion care. It is our philosophy that each woman must be at the center of her own healthcare decisions, and that treating each woman holistically will better serve women and improve health and happiness in our communities. We have eight facilities, four in TX—McAllen, Fort Worth, and two in San Antonio; one in Minneapolis, MN; one in*

*Baltimore, MD; one in Peoria, Illinois, and one in Las Cruces, NM. For more information go to: [www.wholewomanshealth.com](http://www.wholewomanshealth.com).*