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Joint Statement from Medical Experts on the Recent U.S. Supreme Court Decisions Regarding EMTALA and Mifepristone

In June, the U.S. Supreme Court issued rulings in cases concerning the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA) and access to mifepristone, a safe and effective drug commonly used for medication abortion and miscarriage management.

While the Court did not rule on the merits of either case, these rulings ensure that—for now—most pregnant patients will continue to receive federal protections guaranteeing access to all necessary and life-saving care during a medical emergency, regardless of restrictive state policies, and clinicians can continue to legally prescribe mifepristone for their patients in states where such access is allowed.

This moment brings both a sense of relief and a renewed call to action. Because these Court rulings have done nothing to prevent further attacks on reproductive healthcare and legislative interference in the practice of medicine.

These recent Supreme Court decisions and ongoing legal battles highlight the precarious state of reproductive and maternal health in the United States. Health advocates and providers must remain vigilant and proactive in their efforts to protect and advance science-based, evidence-driven care.

Every person deserves access to the full spectrum of reproductive healthcare, including abortion care. No clinician should ever be forced to choose between treating a patient and committing a crime. As medical experts, we are deeply committed to ensuring that every individual gets the care they need and the outcome that is best for them and their pregnancy.

We should not have to wait for a court to decide what is right for our patients. We need to take action now.

We call on our colleagues to take the following actions, because our collective voice and power are crucial in safeguarding the health and rights of our patients:

- **Vote in the upcoming elections** to support candidates at every level who prioritize maternal health and reproductive rights.
- **Engage your colleagues and organizations** to help others understand the wide-ranging implications of these legal challenges on medical care.
- **Stay informed** about the latest developments in reproductive and maternal health policy and legal battles.

Together, we can work to ensure that every person has access to the full spectrum of reproductive healthcare, including abortion care, and that clinicians can continue to provide the highest standards of patient care without fear of legal repercussions.