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"Texas Is Now A Safer, More Accessible State For All Women"

Statement by Senator Menéndez on Whole Woman's Health v. Hellerstedt

San Antonio, Texas - State Senator José Menéndez issued the following statement after the Supreme Court struck down House Bill 2 in *Whole Woman's Health v. Hellerstedt*.

The following quotes are attributable to Senator José Menéndez:

"Today's landmark decision by the Supreme Court to overturn House Bill 2 is a profound victory for women not just in Texas, but across the country. The 5-3 decision shows that House Bill 2 was never meant to protect women's health, but rather a ruse to deny access to their constitutional right to an abortion. With this bill overturned, Texas is now a safer, more accessible state for all women."

"The unscrupulous regulations put in place under House Bill 2 had profound consequences in Texas. More than half of the abortion clinics in Texas were shuttered, making it difficult to receive medical care for thousands of Texans. Now that the Supreme Court has ruled I hope these clinics will reopen and provide needed reproductive care."

"Finally, the fight to protect a woman's right to choose is not over. Today's ruling marked a major victory for women's health, but rest assured politicians are already devising the next round of medically unnecessary regulations. We must remain vigilant and stand up for Texas women."

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State Senator José Menéndez is Vice-Chair of the Senate Hispanic Caucus and represents Senate District 26 in San Antonio, TX. He currently is a member of the Senate Committees on Higher Education, Criminal Justice, and Intergovernmental Relations.