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Supporting reproductive health care in the United States.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BROWN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. BENNET, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. COONS, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. SMITH, Mr. TESTER, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. WARREN, Ms. HIRONO, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. PETERS, Mr. CARPER, Mr. KAINÉ, Mr. REED, Mr. UDALL, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. KING, Mr. WARNER, and Ms. SINEMA) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Supporting reproductive health care in the United States.

Whereas *Roe v. Wade*, 410 U.S. 113 (1973) upholds the constitutional right to privacy, including in health care decisions and the right to access abortion care;

Whereas *Roe v. Wade* demonstrates quality legal reasoning and is consistent with related precedent since it was based on sound legal principles first established in *Griswold v. Connecticut* (1965) and *Eisenstadt v. Baird*

(1972), and repeatedly reaffirmed by the Supreme Court, including in *Obergefell v. Hodges* (2015);

Whereas the facts that have developed since *Roe v. Wade* was decided reaffirm that people of the United States support the right to choose, that abortion is a medically safe procedure, and that access to reproductive health care provides women with greater economic opportunities;

Whereas the rights established in *Roe v. Wade* have been relied upon in this country for almost 50 years;

Whereas a majority of people of the United States support access to abortion care;

Whereas, while the State of Alabama, the State of Georgia, and other States passed laws in 2019 that clearly seek to overturn *Roe v. Wade* and are unconstitutional; meanwhile in 2018 there were over 60 bills introduced in more than 21 States to protect and expand access to reproductive care;

Whereas low-income individuals and women of color are disproportionately impacted by restricting access to abortion care; and

Whereas when States have enacted laws in violation of *Roe v. Wade*, health clinics close and health care services disappear: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*
2 *concurring)*, That Congress supports efforts to—

3 (1) ensure that all women can access com-
4 prehensive, unbiased information and make their
5 own health care decisions;

1 (2) promote preventive health care services for
2 women;

3 (3) ensure that all women have access to com-
4 prehensive, affordable health care that includes preg-
5 nancy-related care, including prenatal care, mis-
6 carriage management, family planning services,
7 abortion care, labor and delivery services, and post-
8 natal care; and

9 (4) improve women's access to reproductive
10 health care, regardless of the State in which they re-
11 side.

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