



5th Circuit Court of Appeals Overturns Federal Judge, Allows Louisiana to Enforce Clinic-Closing Law

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For years, abortion access advocates like the New Orleans Abortion Fund have issued warnings about the dire consequences of anti-choice legislation. We know firsthand the panic women experience, having to make two appointments to the clinic and gathering the required money, possibly having to dip into meager savings. For most women, exercising their right to abortion care means making arrangements for childcare, taking time off from school or work, and putting off paying bills or buying fewer groceries to afford the additional expenses, like travel.

In its application of the "[large fraction test](#)," the 5th Circuit engaged in some tortuous math. What's missing from the equation are the real life experiences of the women most affected by clinic closures in Louisiana.

These are the real life experiences of women not conveyed or considered by the 5th Circuit today. In hearing a similar case out of Texas, the Supreme Court has an opportunity next week to hear from women across the country who chose to terminate a pregnancy in the amicus briefs offered. We in Louisiana hope they're heard.