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**A Day of Action & Solidarity One Year After Dobbs**

Washington, DC, July 23, 2023 - Doctors for America (DFA), the American Medical Women's Association (AMWA), and the Reproductive Health Coalition "Stand in Solidarity" for Reproductive Rights on the One Year Anniversary of the Dobbs Decision on June 24, 2022, that caused an unprecedented crisis in abortion rights and access across the U.S.

June 24, 2023 is the one-year anniversary of the United States Supreme Court's decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, eliminating the constitutional right to abortion. Over the past year, we have seen increasing restrictions to abortion access at the hands of state legislatures and judges at the state and federal level, resulting in incalculable harm to the women and people of this country. We have seen this entirely predictable crisis unfolding all over the country. Not only are individual patients suffering gravely, but health care providers are facing moral injury and criminal prosecution. Doctors are leaving states where they are forbidden, by law, to practice evidence-based healthcare, and the suffering of the patients in those states is magnified as this crisis deepens.

To observe the one year mark of this assault upon reproductive autonomy and health care, which continues to worsen this country's maternal morbidity and mortality crisis, Doctors for America, the American Medical Women's Association and the Reproductive Health Coalition will stand in solidarity with other groups to affirm, with one voice, that abortion is essential health care. Decisions regarding abortion must be made by patients in partnership with their trusted health care practitioners, without interference of legislators, politicians or judges.

"We must unite to stop politics from intruding into our exam rooms, all people need unimpeded access to health care." - Dr. Elizabeth Garner, Board President, American Medical Women's Association.

"On this day of observance, let us come together and commit to reversing the harmful laws and stigma that malign abortion and return it to where it should have always been: abortion is an essential component of the comprehensive spectrum of reproductive health care."  
- Dr. Meghana Rao, Board President, Doctors for America.

**On June 24, 2023 and going forward, our organizations will work to help usher in a new era where** health professionals can continue to practice evidence-based medicine and offer patients the full spectrum of reproductive care. One-size-fits-all laws have no place in health decisions, and politicians should not stand in the way of people getting the care they need.

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