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MANA Opposes Roll Back of Constitutional Rights by Supreme Court in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization

June 24, 2022, Washington, DC - Today, the Supreme Court of the United States fundamentally changed the landscape of health care rights for women in the Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization decision. What has been lost for women is the constitutional protection for the privacy to make and the liberty to self-determine their own health care decisions. While the emotionally and politically charged language of abortion itself often polarizes people, what we can all agree upon, regardless of our politics or religion is that women need to be able to make the health decisions that are best for them and their families, and have access to the appropriate health care information and services.

Hispanic/Latina voices are desperately needed in conversations of health and health equity. MANA has historically been a strong voice for equitable access to health care, privacy for personal health decisions, culturally and linguistically appropriate care, identifying and combating social determinants of health, and other issues related to civil rights in health care for women. We know that Latina/Hispanic women have diverse cultural, religious, economic, and familial backgrounds that inform their personal health care decisions. And we know that circumstances around any medical decision are specific to the person, their health, their access to care, their values, and so many other variables that we have no reference information for. We need to stop judging women for their health care decisions.

Amy Hinojosa, President and CEO of MANA said, "Today's Supreme Court decision fundamentally goes against what we stand for as an organization that fights every day to empower Latinas in all aspects of their lives. While women's health care was on the chopping block today, the reverberations will continue to test us as advocates, with contraception, same-sex relationships, and interracial relationships squarely targeted as well. MANA will continue to fight for privacy and liberty for all Latinas in their health care decisions."

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