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Political Dear John Letter

For this assignment I am using chapter four Civil Liberties to address the recent controversy of the overturn of Roe vs Wade and the subsequent abortion bans across the United States. I am addressing this letter to Texas Governor Greg Abbott who has signed one of the strictest abortion ban laws in the United States. This is important to me because as a woman I believe that every person who has fallen pregnant should have the right to choose what to do with their own body.

This letter is going to Governor Greg Abbott at the Office of the Governor P.O. Box 12428 Austin, Texas 78711-2428.

I am an eighteen year old college student at the University of West Florida in Pensacola, Florida. I have lived in the south my entire life, I grew up in a small town in Alabama that has since boomed with an astronomical amount of economic growth and I have grown with it as well. At first, I did not see the political divide of our country because of no political knowledge and now I can see both sides at war with one another.

On June 24th, 2022 the United States Supreme Court overturned the precedent of the 1973 Roe v. Wade court case with the Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization decision. With this overturn of precedent, abortion no longer falls under federal jurisdiction, therefore,

states are allowed the discretion of making and enforcing laws regarding abortion. Due to this new decision, civil liberties are being denied to every pregnant person who wishes to terminate their pregnancy.

Pregnancy is not an easy feat, in fact according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention about seven hundred women die in childbirth or with pregnancy related complications. Plannedparenthood.org states that one in four women up to the age of forty five in the United States will have an abortion. Abortion is not an easy decision and one not to be taken lightly, women who are faced with the decision of terminating a pregnancy have to take everything into consideration. Those who are pro-women having a choice to keep or terminate a pregnancy believe that it is solely to the discretion of the person pregnant on whether or not to continue the pregnancy. That women should have the fundamental liberty to seek healthcare for their body.

The opposite side of the spectrum is that the unborn fetus should be protected from the mother's decision of termination. Many who are deemed pro-life use the reasoning of it violating religious beliefs, mainly Catholicism and Christianity views. This side argues that the unborn child should be as important as the mother that is carrying it.

Healthcare is a fundamental liberty that United States citizens should be granted no matter the circumstances. Abortion falls under the umbrella of healthcare. No single person should be denied the access of medical care due to something that could not survive outside of the safety of someone else. There should be limits, if the child comes to a stage of the pregnancy of survival outside of the womb, termination should not be an option any longer. Outside of that, religious beliefs will vary and should not have any impact on laws put onto the masses. Women

deserve the right to choose and should not face the threat of prosecution because ultimately it is their body.

Thank you so much for taking time out of your day Governor Abbot to read this letter and take into consideration all points of view.

Sincerely,

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