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OF ILLINOIS

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Rep. Dan Lipinski
Third District, Illinois
6245 S. Archer Avenue
Chicago, IL 60638

Dear Congressman Lipinski,

As the Illinois State Director of Concerned Women for America (CWA), I am writing to thank you for recognizing that life is worth protecting and that women's health in emergencies is not a partisan issue.

June Medical Services v. Gee is a case before the Supreme Court that, at its core, is about women's safety. It is about whether the abortion industry in Louisiana should receive a special exemption from state regulators or should it be held to the same standard of medical care that other outpatient procedures require.

The truth is, this should not even be an issue. Doctors who care about their patients go out of their way to follow through on their wellbeing after an invasive procedure. It is telling that so many abortionists fight so hard against regulations that make it easier for them to follow through on their patients' condition after something as serious as an abortion.

Doctors must have hospital admitting privileges for a colonoscopy, why not for abortion? It is not extreme or unreasonable for the state of Louisiana to seek to protect women through a regulation that allows their doctors to follow through on their care after complications from an abortion, which are not uncommon. It's unconscionable that abortion clinics would have a special carve-out shielding their providers from responsibility for offering a standard of care that a woman deserves under any other circumstance. All Americans, regardless of their stance on abortion, should be for this type of effort.

I was saddened to see some abortion extremists distort your effort to protect women by signing an *amicus* brief in this case. I write to let the record show that these radical groups do not speak for all women. The hundreds of thousands of CWA supporters in Illinois and around the nation, stand with you on this effort to transcend partisan politics and stand for women.

Sincerely,

Deborah Leininger
CWA of Illinois State Director