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Subject: Amicus Brief Sign On Opportunity - Texas HB 2 Abortion Law

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TO: General Counsels & Legal Advisors

CC: Action Officers

RE: Amicus Brief sign-on opportunity in a case before the United States Supreme Court in defense of the Texas abortion law known as HB2

(*Whole Woman's Health v. Cole*, 790 F.3d 563 (5th Cir.) modified, 790 F.3d 598 (5th Cir. 2015) and cert. granted, 136 S. Ct. 499 (2015))

Next week Governor Greg Abbott is filing the attached amicus brief in the United States Supreme Court in defense of the Texas abortion law known as HB2. If you would like to have your Governor added to the brief, please advise the contacts in Texas, listed below, by the morning of February 2, 2016. Below is the background and other details as provided by Governor Abbott's office.

Background

Like laws in many other States, HB2 requires physicians who perform abortions to obtain admitting privileges at a nearby hospital and also requires abortion clinics to meet the safety standards of an ambulatory surgical center. The attached brief explains that laws like HB2 serve two important functions: (1) They improve health outcomes for women seeking abortions and (2) they medicalize the practice of abortion, drawing it toward mainstream medicine and away from its historical place in the shadows of medical practice.

Deadline: Feb. 2, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. CT

If you would like your Governor's name on the brief, please send email Jerry Strickland and Arthur D'Andrea by 10 a.m. CT on February 2, 2016, and please include the names of your Governor and the Governor's general counsel, as you would like their names to appear on the brief.

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If any offices have questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Texas. Thank you.

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