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MIJ Statement on Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization

The William E. Morris Institute for Justice ("MIJ") is a non-profit public interest organization that works on systemic issues affecting low-income Arizonans and Arizonans in historically marginalized communities. Our work includes advocacy for people's most basic civil and human rights, including access to healthcare.

Reproductive rights are fundamental to healthcare. They are foundational to personal autonomy and privacy.

Today's decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* is wrong. It is a gross departure from well-settled law protecting a person's right to make individualized healthcare decisions. It is an invasion of the right to privacy as between a person and their healthcare provider.

Because of the *Dobbs* decision, Arizona law will soon limit a person's right to an abortion. This affects all Arizonans but will have the most profound impact on low-income and Black and Brown Arizonans, due to longstanding, systemic healthcare inequities.

Equal justice for all is a right, not a privilege. Arizona must prioritize and protect the health of Arizonans and secure their reproductive rights.

MIJ will continue its advocacy to advance the cause of healthcare justice and to secure Arizonans' reproductive freedom and privacy.

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