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Maine's Independent Abortion Providers Applaud Supreme Court Ruling on Abortion Access

Maine clinics celebrate 5-4 decision in June Medical Services, L.L.C v. Russo

MAINE - Today, in [a 5-4 decision](#), the US Supreme Court struck down a Louisiana law meant to shut down abortion clinics.

Today the court did what it was obligated to do - it upheld its past decisions. We are pleased that people in Louisiana will not lose access to essential and time-sensitive abortion care and that emboldened anti-abortion politicians have been rebuffed yet again. This decision does not change the reality that many people, especially those who are already marginalized, still struggle to access abortion care on their terms.

Mabel Wadsworth Center and Maine Family Planning are [independent abortion providers](#), like the clinic at the center of [today's case](#). We are grateful for the work that lead plaintiff Hope Medical Group for Women, independent clinics, and Louisiana-based advocates have done to fight for abortion access in Louisiana and beyond. We join them in celebrating today's victory.

Abortion remains safe and legal in Maine. But while abortion is less restricted in our state, it is still challenging for many people, especially Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC), LGBTQ+ folks, and those who are struggling to make ends meet, to access the care they need. And, while the right to abortion is protected in Maine statute, it's not yet enshrined in our state constitution. That's why it's important to vote for elected officials who support reproductive rights, donate to your local clinics and abortion funds, and challenge stigma around abortion care.

Today's decision comes in the midst of a national uprising against police violence, a global pandemic, and an economic crisis, all of which disproportionately affect Black communities. At this moment, we all must remember that there is much more work to do. It will take us all working together to knock down barriers to compassionate care, tackle deep healthcare inequality, and ensure meaningful access for every patient, no matter their zip code, income, gender identity, or race.

George A. Hill, President and CEO, Maine Family Planning

"Abortion is essential, safe, common, and time-sensitive health care, and being able to access abortion is core to our autonomy and freedom. We are pleased that the Court reaffirmed the right to abortion today. However, we know meaningful access depends on much more than judicial decisions. It is still too hard for too many people to access abortion care on their terms. We'll keep fighting to ensure every person has the resources and ability to build the lives and families they envision, on their timeline, whoever they are."

Andrea Irwin, Executive Director, Mabel Wadsworth Center

"Every person should be able to make their own decisions about their health, their lives, their families, and their futures. Protecting the legal right to abortion is not enough; it has never been enough. We will continue to promote a bold, expansive vision of abortion access, one that includes practical support, in a culture where every person is supported with love and compassion whether they continue a pregnancy or not."

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[Mabel Wadsworth Center](#) is Maine's first public abortion provider and only independent, nonprofit feminist health center. The Center provides sexual and reproductive health services, and uses education and advocacy to advance reproductive health, rights, and justice.

[Maine Family Planning](#) provides sexual and reproductive health care, including abortion, at 18 clinics statewide, as well as reproductive justice advocacy and comprehensive sexuality education for the people of Maine.