

Below you will find a **statement from Jodi Magee, president and CEO of [Physicians for Reproductive Health](#)**, in response to Trump’s nomination of Judge Neil Gorsuch to the Supreme Court:

“Any prospective Supreme Court nominee must hold views consistent with the Constitution and settled law about a woman’s ability to make her own reproductive health decisions. That must include upholding *Roe v. Wade*—the law of the land for 44 years. Women rely on this decision every day.

“The founders of Physicians for Reproductive Health saw incredible suffering when abortion was illegal and women were forced to go outside of the medical field for a medical procedure. Those doctors were forever marked by their experiences treating patients who had perforated uteruses from knitting needles and wire hangers. Seeing this suffering made our founders determined to advocate for legal abortion across the country.

“Not only do we need a justice will who preserve *Roe v. Wade*, we need someone who will focus on the evidence of what is and is not beneficial to women’s health. Burdensome restrictions that lessen access to abortion care do not advance women’s health, as the Supreme Court recognized in *Whole Woman’s Health v. Hellerstedt*.

“We cannot go backward or it will be at the expense of the well-being of the women our physicians care for every day. These are our friends, sisters, mothers, and daughters as one in three women will have an abortion in her lifetime. We urge the Senate to reject any nominee that does not meet these essential qualifications for service on our highest court.”

As you continue your coverage of Judge Neil Gorsuch’s potential impact on women’s reproductive rights, especially given his ruling on the Hobby Lobby case before it went to the Supreme Court, we hope you will include the voices of physicians, perspectives too often left out of the conversation. **Jodi and abortion providers who are part of the Physicians for Reproductive Health network, including Dr. Willie Parker, the board chair of Physicians and an abortion provider who works throughout the South, are also available for interviews.**