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Dear Senator,

The Secular Coalition for America urges you to support the passage of S. 1975, the Women's Health Protection Act, in the Senate this week. Access to safe and legal abortion is vital for women and their families, but this vote goes beyond reproductive choice and freedom. It is also about economic justice, racial justice, and an individual's inherent right to self-determination.

The leaked U.S. Supreme Court draft opinion in the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* case shows that the constitutional right to privacy to make reproductive health choices is at great risk. The same rationale and strategy that Justice Alito outlined in his draft could be used to undo years of progress our country has made toward a truly inclusive and pluralistic society. Congress should pass this bill as a first step to protect abortion and then consider other relevant legislation to protect other rights that are at risk by this court.

Poll after poll shows that a significant majority of Americans want *Roe v. Wade* to be preserved, as they have for decades. They understand that equal access to abortion care is essential to social and economic equality as well as our right to self-determination. Passing WHPA is essential to follow the political will of the American people.

The mission of the Secular Coalition for America is to advocate for the equal rights of nonreligious Americans and to defend the separation of religion and government, which will be trampled without legislation to codify the decision in *Roe*. The 2019 Secular Survey, which polled nearly 34,000 nonreligious participants living in the U.S., found that 14.6% of nonreligious participants who sought reproductive care had negative experiences because of their nonreligious beliefs. These negative experiences have even been linked to increased negative psychological outcomes. Ensuring there is abortion access for all would help mitigate some of the discrimination that nonreligious and other vulnerable people experience.

A Supreme Court that does not adequately reflect the beliefs and values of Americans is making decisions that are not based on reason, science, and our secular Constitution. We who care about the welfare of women, families, and our country — and the integrity of the judicial branch — believe that the Women's Health Protection Act must be codified into law.

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