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17 **IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
18 **FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA**

19 Paul A. Isaacson, M.D., et. al.,
20 Plaintiffs,
21 vs.
22 Tom Horne, Attorney General of Arizona, et.
23 al.,
24 Defendants.

Case No.
**PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR
PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION AND
EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION, OR,
IN THE ALTERNATIVE, FOR A
TEMPORARY RESTRAINING
ORDER, WITH ACCOMPANYING
DECLARATIONS, MEMORANDUM
OF LAW AND PROPOSED FORM
OF ORDER**

(Oral Argument Requested)

1 Plaintiffs hereby move this Court pursuant to Rule 65 of the Federal Rules of Civil
2 Procedure for a preliminary injunction, or in the alternative, for a temporary restraining
3 order, restraining Defendants from enforcing one provision of recently enacted Arizona
4 House Bill 2036 (hereinafter “the ban” or “the Act”), which bans abortions at or after 20
5 weeks of pregnancy. *See* H.B. 2036, 50th Leg., 2d Reg. Sess. § 7 (Ariz. 2012) (creating
6 new A.R.S. § 36-2159). This provision is scheduled to take effect on August 2, 2012.

7 As more fully explained in the accompanying memorandum of law, a preliminary
8 injunction is warranted because: 1) Plaintiffs are likely to succeed on their claim that the
9 ban, which prohibits previability abortions, violates the constitutional rights of their
10 patients; 2) Plaintiffs’ and their patients will suffer irreparable harm if the Act takes effect;
11 3) the balance of equities tips strongly in favor of Plaintiffs and their patients; and 4) the
12 public interest will be served by an injunction. *Alliance for the Wild Rockies v. Cottrell*,
13 632 F.3d 1127, 1131 (9th Cir. 2011) (quoting *Winter v. Natural Res. Def. Council*, 555
14 U.S. 7, 20 (2008)). Moreover, a preliminary injunction will preserve the status quo while
15 the serious constitutional issues raised by this case are resolved. *See U.S. Philips Corp. v.*
16 *KBC Bank N.V.*, 590 F.3d 1091, 1094 (9th Cir. 2010) (citations omitted) (“[T]he very
17 purpose of a preliminary injunction . . . is to preserve the status quo and the rights of the
18 parties until a final judgment issues in the cause.”).

19 Given the effective date of August 2, 2012, Plaintiffs further request that the Court
20 issue an expedited briefing schedule so that the motion for preliminary injunction can be
21 decided before the Act’s effective date. In the alternative, Plaintiffs request that the Court
22 issue a temporary restraining order prohibiting enforcement of the ban pending
23 determination of Plaintiffs’ preliminary injunction motion.

24 Plaintiffs further request that, given the nature of the relief sought, bond be waived
25 should the court grant preliminary injunctive relief. *See Johnson v. Couturier*, 572 F. 3d
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1 1067, 1086 (9th Cir. 2009) (District Court has discretion to waive bond requirement of
2 Fed. R. Civ. Pro. 65(c)); *see also Cal. Hosp. Ass'n v. Maxwell-Jolly*, 776 F. Supp. 2d
3 1129, 1160 (E.D. Cal. 2011) (waiving bond requirement; “courts have recognized the
4 propriety of waiving the bond requirement where, as here, [plaintiffs] bring suit to enforce
5 important federal and public interests”).

6 Plaintiffs further request that the Court convene a status or scheduling conference to
7 establish a schedule for further briefing and oral argument.

8 Plaintiffs will make every effort to ensure that each of the Defendants has notice of
9 and copies of the documents associated with this motion as soon as possible after filing.
10 Immediately after the filing of the Complaint and this motion, and receipt of a case
11 number, attorneys for the Plaintiffs will attempt to reach all of the Defendants by phone to
12 alert them to the motion and request for expedited consideration. Plaintiffs’ attorney will
13 also attempt to provide copies of the Complaint, motion, and all supporting documents by
14 email as soon as possible, in addition to formal service.

15 This motion is based upon the Complaint filed in this case, the memorandum of law
16 filed herewith, and the attached declarations of William Clewell, M.D. and Paul Isaacson,
17 M.D. A proposed form of order is filed herewith for the convenience of the court.

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19 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 12th day of July, 2012.

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**DECLARATION OF PAUL A.
ISAACSON, M.D.**

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1 1. I am a Plaintiff in this lawsuit.

2 2. I have reviewed Arizona House Bill 2036.

3 3. I submit this declaration in support of Plaintiffs’ Motion for Preliminary
4 Injunction or Temporary Restraining Order sought to prevent enforcement of the ban on
5 abortions beginning at 20 weeks gestational age, contained in Arizona House Bill 2036
6 (Section 7), to be codified as Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 36-2159.

7 4. I am a physician licensed to practice medicine in Arizona and Nevada. I
8 graduated from Tufts University School of Medicine in 1991. I am board-certified in
9 obstetrics and gynecology. I hold privileges at Banner Good Samaritan Medical Center in
10 Phoenix.

11 5. I offer this declaration as an expert in obstetrics and gynecology. My
12 statements herein are based on my training, years of practice, and my ongoing review of
13 literature and other sources of information generally relied on by those in my field. A
14 copy of my *curriculum vitae* is attached as Exhibit A.

15 6. I co-own a private reproductive healthcare facility in Phoenix called Family
16 Planning Associates Medical Group (“FPA”). At FPA, I provide a variety of services,
17 including gynecological services, family planning, well-woman exams, STD testing, and
18 abortions.

19 7. I provide abortions to women seeking previability abortions at or after 20
20 weeks on a regular basis, and see such patients approximately 50 times per year.
21 Previability refers to that point in pregnancy before “there is a reasonable probability of
22 the fetus' sustained survival outside the uterus, with or without artificial support.” Ariz.
23 Rev. Stat. § 36-2301.01 C. 3. Gestational age, as defined in HB 2036, means the duration
24 of the pregnancy as dated from the woman’s last menstrual period,

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1 8. Abortions as I perform them, including those performed at or after 20
2 weeks gestational age, are safe procedures that pose no greater risks to my patients than
3 carrying to term.

4 9. There are well documented and significant risks associated with carrying
5 any pregnancy to term. For individual women, these risks may be much higher due to a
6 preexisting condition or a condition that arises during pregnancy.

7 10. In my experience, while women sometimes consider the comparative
8 medical risks of abortion and carrying a pregnancy to term, that is only one factor among
9 many other important factors that go into their decision whether or not to continue with a
10 pregnancy.

11 11. Approximately 70% of my patients seeking abortions at or after 20 weeks
12 do so due to a serious or lethal fetal abnormality. These patients have received this
13 diagnosis from their obstetrician or a specialist who deals with high risk pregnancies, and
14 the vast majority of these patients have been referred to me from another physician.
15 Among my patients, the most common types of fetal anomalies are neural tube defects,
16 including anencephaly, meinigomyeloceles and holoprosencephaly; trisomy 18 and 13;
17 Potters syndrome; diaphragmatic hernia; Down's syndrome; cystic hygromas, and fetal
18 cardiac anomalies.

19 12. Many of the patients I see for an abortion due to fetal anomalies come to me
20 following detection of the problem through a full obstetric ultrasound, which usually
21 occurs after 18 weeks. When the obstetric ultrasound indicates a problem, it is routine
22 practice to conduct an additional ultrasound or other tests. Thus, it may be several days or
23 a few weeks before the woman has all of the information she needs and desires in order to
24 make an informed decision as to whether to continue or terminate the pregnancy.

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1 Typically, these patients have reached the decision to terminate the pregnancy after
2 multiple consultations with specialists and/or loved ones.

3 13. Many of my remaining patients seeking abortions at or after 20 weeks do so
4 because they are experiencing a medical condition that is either caused by or exacerbated
5 by the pregnancy or because they wish to obtain treatment for a condition but cannot do so
6 while pregnant. Women in these circumstances have presented with, among other
7 conditions, diabetes, kidney disease, cardiac disease, history of severe pre-eclampsia or
8 eclampsia and maternal hematologic diseases that cause abnormal blood clotting.

9 14. For example, I have treated patients with preexisting conditions that have
10 made the pregnancy high-risk. In one such circumstance I performed a procedure for a
11 patient at high risk of stroke during pregnancy due to a cardiac abnormality. The
12 pregnancy prevented her cardiologist from providing the recommended treatment.

13 15. Based on my training and experience, at 20 weeks, no fetus is viable. It is
14 commonly accepted in the field of obstetrics and gynecology that a normally developing
15 fetus will attain viability at approximately 24 weeks.

16 16. Not all fetuses will attain viability at 24 weeks, however, due to a variety of
17 factors such as maternal nutrition, health, and lifestyle or problems with fetal development
18 or fetal anomalies. Some fetuses never attain viability due to anomalies.

19 17. The 20 week ban therefore prohibits previability abortions that I perform
20 for my patients beginning at 20 weeks gestational age.

21 18. Due to the criminal penalties and provisions allowing for suspension or
22 revocation of my license if I violate the ban, I will have no choice, absent an injunction,
23 but to stop providing previability abortions beginning at 20 weeks gestational age.
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1 19. Enforcement of the 20 week ban will harm my patients by preventing them
2 from obtaining previability abortions. Some of my patients may, as a result, be forced to
3 carry a pregnancy they wish to terminate to term.

4 20. Among these patients, some will be seeking to terminate in order to
5 preserve their health. These patients will be precluded from doing so altogether or will be
6 forced to delay the procedure until their conditions worsen to the point where they clearly
7 come within the narrow definition of “medical emergency” in HB 2036. In the absence of
8 HB 2036, and consistent with the standard of care, I would otherwise perform the abortion
9 without delay.

10 21. Other patients will be seeking an abortion because the fetus has been
11 diagnosed with a lethal or serious anomaly. It is cruel to deny women access to abortion
12 in these circumstances. What purpose is served by forcing a woman to carry a pregnancy
13 for months when the unavoidable outcome is that the baby will die during birth or shortly
14 thereafter?

15 22. This delay or denial of care is contrary to the good practice of medicine and
16 imposes unconscionable burdens on women seeking abortions.

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated this 9th day of July, 2012.



Paul A. Isaacson, M.D.

Exhibit A

CURRICULUM VITAE FOR PAUL A. ISAACSON, M.D.

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Professional History

2007 to present	Birth Control Care Center Las Vegas, NV
2004 to 2009	Summit Family Planning Las Vegas, NV
1997 to Present	Family Planning Associates Phoenix, AZ
1998 to 2004	Private Practice - Ob/Gyn East Valley Ob/Gyn, P.L.C. Chandler, AZ
1997 to 1998	Planned Parenthood of Southern Arizona - Staff Physician
1995 to 1997	Private Practice - OB/GYN Women's Health Care Associates Chandler, Arizona
1994 - 1995	Planned Parenthood of Greater Boston Brookline, Massachusetts
1994 - 1995	Women's Health Service Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts
1991 - 1995	Resident, OB/GYN Brigham and Women's Hospital Boston, Massachusetts and Massachusetts General Hospital Boston, Massachusetts
1988 - 1989	Chemistry Lab Technician, St. Elizabeth's Hospital Boston, Massachusetts [Part-time during Medical School]

Education

1991 - 1995	Brigham and Women's Hospital Boston, Massachusetts Intern and Resident, Obstetrics and Gynecology and Massachusetts General Hospital Boston, Massachusetts Intern and Resident, Gynecology
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1987 - 1991 Tufts University School of Medicine
 Boston, Massachusetts
 Medical Doctorate

1983 - 1987 Boston College
 Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts
 B.S., Biochemistry [summa cum laude]

Appointments and Hospital Affiliation

1994 - 1995 Administrative Chief Resident, Obstetrics and Gynecology
 Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts
 Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts

1991 - 1995 Clinical Fellow in Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive
 Biology,
 Harvard Medical School, Boston, Massachusetts

2003 – present Banner Good Samaritan Medical Center, Phoenix, AZ – Active Staff

Awards

Phi Beta Kappa
Alpha Sigma Nu National Jesuit Honor Society
Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society
Society of Laproendoscopic Surgeons,
 Outstanding Laproendoscopic Resident Surgeon - 1995

Licensure and Certification

State of Arizona Board of Medical Examiners License #23227
State of Nevada Board of Medical Examiners License #10490
National Board of Medical Examiners - Diplomate
American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology - Diplomate

Professional Associations

Massachusetts Medical Society
National Abortion Federation

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**DECLARATION OF WILLIAM H.
CLEWELL, M.D.**

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WILLIAM H. CLEWELL, M.D., declares and states the following:

1. I am a perinatologist licensed to practice medicine in the state of Arizona, where I am engaged in the practice of obstetrics and gynecology and maternal-fetal medicine. I am a Plaintiff in this lawsuit, and I submit this declaration in support of Plaintiffs' Motion for a Preliminary Injunction and/or Temporary Restraining Order against enforcement of that part of Section 7 of House Bill 2036, to be codified as Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 36-2159 ("the ban"), that bans pregnancy termination care starting at 20 weeks as measured from the first day of the woman's last menstrual period ("LMP"). I offer this declaration as an expert in obstetrics and gynecology and in maternal-fetal medicine, which is the sub-specialty of perinatologists, the doctors who care for women with high-risk pregnancies.

2. I am Director of Fetal Medicine and Surgery and Director of Obstetrical Ultrasound at Banner Good Samaritan Medical Center in Phoenix; a faculty member in the Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine at Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center; a partner in a perinatology practice group; and Clinical Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Arizona College of Medicine in Tucson. I was previously Director of the Obstetrics Section at the University of Colorado School of Medicine and Visiting Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Kings College Hospital School of Medicine and Dentistry in London.

3. I received my medical degree from Stanford University School of Medicine in 1970; did an internship in Pediatrics at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester, New

1 York, from 1970-1971; did my residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Stanford from
2 1971-1974; and did my fellowship in Perinatal Medicine at the University of Colorado
3 School of Medicine from 1974-1976. I am board-certified both in Obstetrics &
4 Gynecology and in Maternal-Fetal Medicine.

5 4. My medical association memberships include the American College of
6 Obstetrics and Gynecology, the Phoenix Obstetrical and Gynecological Society, and the
7 Society of Maternal-Fetal Medicine, and I am a founding member of the International
8 Fetal Medicine and Surgery Society. I have authored numerous articles in peer-reviewed
9 journals and book chapters. The topics on which I have published include gynecological
10 emergencies, premature labor, fetal diagnosis, fetal therapy, fetal surgery, hypertensive
11 emergencies and neurological disorders in pregnancy.
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14 5. The facts I state here are based on my many years of medical practice, my
15 personal knowledge, and my familiarity with relevant medical literature and statistical
16 data recognized as reliable in the medical profession. A copy of my *curriculum vitae* is
17 attached as Exhibit A.
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20 My Patients and My Practice Subject to the Ban

21 6. I provide my patients with comprehensive care for high-risk pregnancies.
22 This care includes pre-conception counseling; prenatal care; prenatal diagnosis of fetal
23 anomalies; fetal assessment; and fetal treatment including fetal transfusion, shunt
24 placement and other therapeutic procedures that I undertake before birth to allow
25 medically compromised fetuses to survive and / or to improve their outcomes after birth.
26 I have pioneered several such in utero therapies. I also provide labor and delivery care, as
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1 well as induced pregnancy terminations in cases of maternal medical indications, cases of
2 lethal or severe fetal anomalies, and/or cases of pregnancy failure. That care includes
3 pregnancy terminations at and after 20 weeks LMP.

4 7. In my role as Director of Fetal Medicine and Surgery at Banner Good
5 Samaritan Hospital, I perform Maternal-Fetal Medicine consultations on other
6 physicians' patients with high-risk pregnancies who are either hospitalized or are out-
7 patients in the Banner Maternal Fetal Center. I also regularly provide in-hospital care for
8 the antepartum patients, meaning those admitted for complications of pregnancy before
9 birth. This includes patients with preterm labor, antepartum bleeding, uncontrolled
10 diabetes and other conditions requiring close monitoring of fetal and maternal wellbeing.
11 This entails making teaching rounds with medical students and OB GYN residents on the
12 service at the hospital, as well as personal rounds on all the antepartum patients. As
13 Director of Obstetric Ultrasound at Banner Good Samaritan Hospital, I spend a good deal
14 of time interpreting ultrasound images, and I also occasionally consult on other
15 physicians' patients in a private perinatology office setting.

16 8. I have provided a limited number of pregnancy terminations as part of my
17 practice since 1971, when I started my residency. Each year, I perform, teach, or
18 supervise a small number of induced pregnancy terminations, approximately half of
19 which are for women experiencing pregnancy failure. Although these procedures
20 comprise a very small part of my practice, they are an important part of the
21 comprehensive care I offer my patients.

22 9. My colleagues and I perform pregnancy terminations only in cases of
23 serious or lethal fetal anomaly and/or maternal medical complications; for pregnancy
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1 terminations in other instances, we refer our patients to other respected physicians in the
2 community. Approximately 90% of induced pregnancy terminations in the U.S. take
3 place during the first trimester of pregnancy, through approximately the 13th week.
4 Given the nature of my practice, however, most of those that I perform or supervise
5 occur after that point: first, diagnoses of fetal anomaly are almost never possible earlier in
6 pregnancy; second, the maternal health conditions that prompt the pregnancy
7 terminations I perform or supervise often emerge or are exacerbated after that point.
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9 10. No fetus is viable at 20 weeks; a healthy singleton fetus becomes viable by
10 about the 24th week; some medically compromised fetuses become viable only later in
11 pregnancy; and others can never become viable because of a lethal anomaly. I am not
12 aware of any physician in Arizona who performs induced abortions where the fetus is
13 viable, that is, when it has a reasonable probability of sustained survival outside the
14 uterus.
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16 11. Legal induced pregnancy termination is extremely safe, and presents far
17 lower risks for a woman than does carrying a pregnancy to term. (Elizabeth G. Raymond
18 & David A. Grimes, *The Comparative Safety of Legal Induced Abortion and Childbirth*
19 *in the United States*, 119 *Ob. & Gyn.* 215-19 (Feb. 2012)) (legal induced pregnancy
20 termination is 14 times safer than carrying to term in terms of the woman's risk of death,
21 and also carries a lower risk of complications short of death). As pregnancy progresses,
22 the risks of induced pregnancy termination increase, so that starting at 21 weeks LMP,
23 legal induced termination and carrying to term entail comparable risks of death for the
24 woman. (Linda A. Bartlett *et al.*, *Risk Factors for Legal Induced Abortion-Related*
25 *Mortality in the United States*, 103 *Ob. & Gyn.* 729-37 (Apr. 2004)). However, for
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1 certain of my patients with medical conditions or carrying fetuses with anomalies that
2 increase the risks to the woman, pregnancy termination past 21 weeks clearly remains far
3 safer for the woman than carrying to term.

4 12. Several times each year, my colleagues and I provide termination care to a
5 patient at or after 20 weeks LMP. This happens in cases of fetal anomaly, maternal
6 medical complication, and pregnancy failure.

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8 13. In some patients, we cannot diagnose a fetal anomaly until very close to, or
9 after, 20 weeks. Amniocentesis – a procedure to detect and diagnose chromosomal
10 anomalies – is usually performed at about 16 weeks, but may occur later, and requires 10
11 - 12 days for the results to be available. Detailed anatomic ultrasound exams are
12 generally done after 18 weeks (and among obese women, whose numbers are increasing,
13 these exams may not be reliable until later). In other words, even if a patient starts out
14 receiving prenatal care from a perinatologist, she will not get a diagnosis of many fetal
15 anomalies until close to or at 20 weeks. A definitive diagnosis will generally occur later
16 still if the patient began her prenatal care with an obstetrician who is not a perinatologist.
17 After doing an initial exam, such an obstetrician who suspects a fetal anomaly will often
18 refer the patient to my practice for a more detailed assessment. This entails at least some
19 delay, and the final consultation often does not occur until after 20 weeks. Even if the
20 patient has the final consultation and receives the diagnosis in the 19th week, she and her
21 family need time to make the extremely difficult decision whether to continue the
22 pregnancy, which means that termination, if that is their decision, will occur after 20
23 weeks.
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28 14. I have performed pregnancy terminations at and after 20 weeks for women

1 who have received the devastating diagnosis that the fetuses they were carrying had lethal
2 anomalies: anencephaly, a significant malformation of the brain which results in death
3 before birth or very soon thereafter; renal agenesis, in which the fetus lacks kidneys and
4 where the child, if born, usually dies of respiratory failure within twenty-four hours of
5 birth; severe structural anomalies such as limb-body wall complex, in which the organs
6 are often outside the body cavity; certain congenital heart defects; body stalk anomaly, in
7 which the anterior body wall of the fetus fails to develop and the fetus is attached directly
8 to the placenta; ectopia cordis, in which the fetal heart is outside the chest; certain
9 combinations of malformations that individually would not be lethal but that in
10 combination cannot be overcome; chromosomal anomalies such as trisomy 13 and 18
11 (three copies of chromosomes 13 and 18); and many other, less common lethal
12 chromosomal, single gene defects or lethal structural anomalies.
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15 15. Others of my patients decide to end their pregnancies at or after 20 weeks
16 after learning the potentially equally devastating news that their fetuses have severe but
17 not necessarily lethal anomalies. These include severe cardiac anomalies, such as
18 hypoplastic left heart syndrome, critical aortic stenosis, and various complex cardiac
19 malformations, and neural tube defects such as encephalocele (the protrusion of brain
20 tissue through an opening in the skull) and severe hydrocephaly (severe accumulation of
21 excessive fluid within the brain that almost completely destroys the brain). There are
22 numerous other lethal and severe anomalies which individually are very rare, but when
23 referrals come from a large population (i.e., the state of Arizona and beyond), in
24 aggregate amount to a significant number of pregnancies affected.
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28 16. Likewise, some of my patients with medical conditions that make

1 pregnancy particularly dangerous for them may not be referred to me until almost 20
2 weeks or even after that point. To preserve their health, some of these patients end their
3 pregnancies after getting a definitive diagnosis; others try to continue the pregnancy at
4 least until the fetus becomes viable, and of those, some succeed, while others ultimately
5 decide to end their pregnancies. These conditions include maternal heart disease,
6 pulmonary hypertension, and Eisenmenger's syndrome – in all of which the increase in
7 cardiac output that occurs in pregnancy dramatically increases maternal mortality, that is,
8 the woman's risk of death. Hence, some of my patients with severe cardiac disease and
9 worsening cardiovascular status – or rheumatic heart disease with worsening cardiac
10 function – terminate their pregnancies because continued pregnancy is likely to
11 exacerbate their conditions, with serious consequences, including the risk of irreversible
12 heart damage or death. Other patients have had end stage renal (kidney) disease;
13 mechanical heart valve; and Marfan's Syndrome with dilatation of the aorta, which
14 dramatically increases the woman's risk of sudden death due to aortic rupture. Some
15 cancers, including some breast cancers, require radiation therapy or chemotherapy, which
16 are extremely toxic to the fetus. Most patients, if they are to undergo such treatment,
17 choose to terminate rather than have the fetus die in utero as a consequence of treatment.

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22 17. Finally, some of my patients experience pregnancy failure close to or after
23 20 weeks. These scenarios include advanced cervical dilation with "hour glassing" of
24 membranes into the vagina, premature rupture of membranes, and placental abruption
25 (premature separation of the placenta) with serious bleeding. Some such patients opt to
26 terminate fairly quickly, to minimize the risks to their health. Others try to carry the
27 pregnancy until the fetus becomes viable. We do everything we can to help them;
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1 sometimes we succeed and the woman has a baby. Other times, the risks to the woman
2 become so high, and the chances for a live birth so remote, that she and her family
3 ultimately decide to end the pregnancy some period of time after the condition first
4 arises.

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7 The Effect of the Ban

8 18. I have read the ban and I am gravely concerned for my practice and most of
9 all for my patients and their families. This law would force some of my patients to carry
10 to term against their will, even when doing so presents shocking risks to their lives and
11 health, and even where there is no hope of giving birth to a child who will survive. This
12 is medically brutal and emotionally cruel.

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14 19. Because this care is critical to my patients' health, I fear enforcement of
15 the ban for my patients' sake as well as for my own. Because my patients include women
16 with grave medical indications for terminating pregnancy, I fear prosecution under the
17 ban all the more because instead of a straightforward exception for procedures necessary
18 to preserve my patient's life or health, it has only an extremely narrow medical
19 emergency exception.
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22 20. The ban's medical emergency exception is an affirmative danger to my
23 patients. Starting at 20 weeks LMP, it allows me to terminate a pregnancy only if an
24 "immediate" termination or a termination with no "delay" is necessary to avert death or
25 serious medical harm. As I outlined above, the instances in which pregnancy clearly
26 jeopardizes a woman's life and health are many, but the instances in which a patient will
27 die or suffer such harm absent an "immediate" termination or a termination with no delay
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1 are far less frequent. Only when a patient is, for example, hemorrhaging or extremely
2 severely infected could I feel comfortable that I would not face prosecution for ending the
3 pregnancy.

4 21. For example, I saw a patient this year at 22 weeks with an ongoing
5 placental abruption, which means that the placenta had prematurely detached from the
6 uterine wall. Because of the abruption, she had been bleeding for weeks; to replace lost
7 blood, we had transfused her – with 7 units of blood in 3 days; and we ultimately advised
8 the family to consider termination. The woman was initially unsure of her decision,
9 which was an excruciating one. Several days into the process, when she ultimately
10 decided to terminate, she was clearly at risk from the pregnancy and the chance of a
11 viable outcome was remote, but she just as clearly did not need an “immediate”
12 pregnancy termination to avert death or preserve her health: I could have continued
13 transfusing her for days or weeks, and indeed, some women in those circumstances
14 choose that route, hoping for the slight chance that they will be able to continue the
15 pregnancy until the fetus becomes viable.

16 22. This illustrates one of several awful perversions this ban would impose on
17 women and their doctors. My duty is to offer my patients care before they face
18 “immediate” death or damage; I cannot let them get to that point without at least offering
19 them care to save their lives and preserve their health. But under the ban, that is exactly
20 what I would have to do: wait and let my patient deteriorate until an “immediate”
21 termination – or a termination without delay – was necessary. That’s the worst medicine
22 imaginable and contrary to well established obstetric principles.

23 23. In an equally ugly distortion, the ban would force women to make a

1 decision before they would otherwise have to, and some of those women may well feel
2 compelled to terminate. For example, the patient with the bleeding abruption may have
3 felt compelled to terminate sooner, knowing that she wouldn't be able to do so to
4 preserve her health if she waited until after 20 weeks. Some patients in that situation
5 might otherwise try to continue the pregnancy, and of those, some might succeed. The
6 ban will thus rush some women to terminate who would otherwise try to continue their
7 pregnancies, and of those, some would have ended up having babies.

9 24. The same is true of women with medical conditions such as heart disease: a
10 woman at 19 weeks may decide to try to carry the pregnancy as long as possible, but only
11 if she knows that if the risks grow too large in her view, she can terminate the pregnancy.
12 But if she knows that that option will not be available to her at 20 weeks, she may well
13 terminate at 19 weeks, to save her heart and possibly her life. That is because with
14 maternal heart disease, just as with bleeding from placental abruption, the cases in which
15 a pregnancy termination with no delay is necessary to preserve the woman's life or health
16 are rare. Far more frequent are cases of maternal heart disease in which continued
17 pregnancy poses a clear and significant threat to the woman's life or health, but she could
18 decide either to bear the risk by continuing the pregnancy or to protect herself against the
19 risk by ending it. The ban would deny her the latter option at 20 weeks, when no fetus is
20 viable.
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24 25. The same is true of the woman grappling with the shocking news that her
25 fetus has a severe or lethal anomaly. That patient needs time to resolve her feelings, to
26 consult with those she loves and trusts, and to come to her decision. Under the ban, a
27 family that gets the diagnosis at 19 weeks and 5 days would not have time to consider,
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1 discuss, pray – whatever process they deem necessary to make this terribly hard decision.
2 The upshot might be that the woman requests a termination within a few hours simply to
3 avoid being denied the option at 20 weeks. It is inappropriate to rush a patient in making
4 this decision. Usually the diagnosis has come like a "bolt from the blue," in that the
5 family had no suspicion of the problem prior to the ultrasound or other test. The woman
6 and her family are in a moment of crisis and grief, and deserve the time they need to
7 make their decision. A "right" decision is more important than a quick one.
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9 26. Some women facing such grave circumstances decide to continue their
10 pregnancies. That is the right decision for them, and I provide them with the best medical
11 care possible. But under the ban, my patients who did not terminate before 20 weeks
12 would have no option. Some would carry to term – against their will – notwithstanding
13 the risk to their lives; some would do so notwithstanding the risk to their health; and still
14 others would unwillingly remain pregnant notwithstanding the impossibility of giving
15 birth to a child who would survive, either because of a lethal anomaly or because of
16 pregnancy failure. Some other women may attempt a self induced termination or seek a
17 non-medical one: I began my medical training in the era when illegal pregnancy
18 terminations were a major cause of maternal mortality and morbidity.
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21 27. This ban would be devastating for my patients and for me as a physician. I
22 am honored to provide care for women and families through some of the most joyous
23 times in their lives, but also through what may be the hardest time in their lives. My job
24 is to give them information and options, and then to respect and support their decision.
25 That way, as I tell them, no matter what they decide, when they look back years later on
26 this very difficult time, they can feel comfortable with the decision they made. That is
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1 my ethical obligation, and under the ban, I would fear prosecution for fulfilling it. This
2 outrageous intrusion into medical care would thus impose terrible, irreparable harm on
3 my patients and on me.

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on July 11, 2012



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Exhibit A

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Resident in Obstetrics and Gynecology
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Intern, Pediatrics
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MEDICAL LICENSURE

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Role of estrogen in the control of uterine circulation.
Antepartum management of fetal diseases.

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