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SUPREME COURT WEIGHING CASE THAT COULD ALLOW EMPLOYERS NOT TO INCLUDE BIRTH CONTROL COVERAGE IN THEIR HEALTH PLANS

(Washington, D.C.) — Today, the Supreme Court will hear oral arguments in *Trump v. Pennsylvania*, a set of cases that will determine whether employers and universities can choose not to include birth control coverage in their health plans. Currently, contraception coverage at no-cost is mandated under the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

"If employers and universities can opt out of covering birth control in their insurance plans, this would effectively deny access to women covered by those plans," said Gillian Sealy, Power to Decide, CEO. "All women should have the security and reassurance that the insurance they pay for provides them access to the health care they want and need, and that includes access to the full range of contraceptive methods."

According to public opinion, contraception is popular, as <u>99% of women</u> who have ever had sex with men have used a method of contraception at some point in their lives. According to our data, <u>76%</u> of <u>adults</u> believe that birth control is a basic part of women's health care and <u>86%</u> support access to the full range of birth control methods – with strong support regardless of race, ethnicity, region and political affiliation.

"Efforts to dismantle contraceptive access by the present Administration have resulted in new challenges for women simply trying to access basic health care," continued Sealy. "We must continue to fight against these persistent bad policies which fail to put women first so that all can have the power to decide if, when and under what circumstances to get pregnant and have a child."

Power to Decide is a private, non-partisan, non-profit organization that works to ensure all people—no matter who they are, where they live or what their economic status might be—have the power to decide if, when and under what circumstances to get pregnant and have a child. Please visit us at www.PowerToDecide.org or follow us on Facebook and Twitter.