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Since *Dobbs*, millions visit Power to Decide's 'AbortionFinder' website to obtain accurate information about where to get abortion care

Online search tool is a critical resource for people seeking abortion

WASHINGTON — Since the U.S. Supreme Court's <u>Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health</u>
<u>Organization</u> decision, abortion access has been banned or restricted in nearly half of the United States. Since the decision was leaked, Power to Decide's <u>AbortionFinder</u>, an online search tool for people seeking abortion care, experienced a more than 543% increase in visits.

"The chaos and confusion about abortion caused by the *Dobbs* decision is harmful and threatens reproductive health," said Power to Decide CEO and practicing OBGYN <u>Raegan McDonald-Mosley, MD, MPH</u>. "In the midst of so much uncertainty and misinformation, AbortionFinder gives people accurate information about abortion options so they can make informed decisions and access the care they need."

Launched in September 2020, AbortionFinder is a resource that aims to reduce barriers to abortion care by addressing abortion seekers' needs. The site helps people seeking abortion find verified abortion care based on their location, age and pregnancy stage. AbortionFinder is built upon a comprehensive directory of trusted, verified abortion providers and assistance resources in the United States. The site is regularly updated as state policies change and provides medically accurate information about abortion options, with detailed <u>state-by-state guides</u> available in both English and Spanish.

Since June 24, 2022, there have been over 4 million visits to AbortionFinder. Prior to that, AbortionFinder had 777,000 visits from September 2020 to May 2022. The sharp increase in AbortionFinder visits reflects both the urgent need for abortion care across the U.S. and the growing confusion about abortion options and access. (Note: Due to confidentiality, AbortionFinder only tracks the number of visitors; no personal information about site visitors is collected.)

"Those numbers put the magnitude of the reproductive health crisis and the importance of our work into perspective," said McDonald-Mosley. "We are passionate about helping to ensure that all people have access to the reproductive health care they need and want, including abortion."

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<u>Power to Decide</u> 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 or have a child.