



**Post-Roe Pennsylvania Hearing**

**House and Senate Democratic Policy Committees**

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**Testimony Submitted by the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center**



UPMC would like to thank members of the Senate and House Democratic Policy Committees and Women’s Health Caucus for allowing us to provide written testimony on Post-Roe Pennsylvania. Thank you for holding this important conversation as we grapple with what the recent Supreme Court decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization* means for our patients, Health Plan members, health care providers, and staff.

Headquartered in Pittsburgh, UPMC is a world-renowned health care provider and insurer. We are an international health care leader — pioneering groundbreaking research, treatments, and clinical care. UPMC operates 40 hospitals and more than 700 doctors’ offices and outpatient centers with locations in western and central Pennsylvania, Maryland, New York, and around the globe. As part of our health care delivery system, UPMC is a world-class provider of pregnancy and reproductive health.

We recognize that this is a time of confusion and anxiety for many, and reproductive rights are a highly personal issue. We all share the same goal of ensuring excellent, compassionate care for every patient. UPMC is committed to treating every patient with dignity and empowering them through a shared decision-making approach to evidence-based comprehensive reproductive health care.

Many of the patients our teams care for experience medical and pregnancy complications that make ongoing pregnancy and giving birth dangerous. For a portion of these patients, intervention is needed to prevent severe maternal morbidity and mortality. UPMC remains committed to providing the full continuum of women’s health services, including safe patient-centric reproductive care, in accordance with all applicable laws and with the highest ethical and medical standards.

As this issue evolves, UPMC remains committed to engaging our clinicians and other experts to develop the clinical protocols necessary to continue supporting our patients and staff.

We respect the views and opinions shaping this debate, and as a leading health care provider and insurer, UPMC will do everything possible to continue promoting access to high-quality, evidence-based reproductive care for all patients and members that we serve.

Again, we wish to thank you for allowing us to provide testimony on this critical issue.