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Opposing Senator Lindsey Graham’s Nationwide 15-Week Abortion Ban

Only a few short months after the United States Supreme Court issued the devastating *Dobbs v. Jackson* decision, Senator Lindsey Graham authored S.4840 ¹to institute a nationwide ban on abortions at 15 weeks. Under this legislation, physicians could be prosecuted for terminating pregnancies after 15 weeks unless it was necessary to save the life of the mother or the pregnant individual reported previously that the pregnancy resulted from rape or incest. Violations are punishable by up to five years under this legislation.

The bill’s mere introduction demonstrates a further attempt to erode the right to an abortion nationwide – disputing the veiled attempt of some to rely on the argument that the right to an abortion should be left to the state. Instead, Senator Graham made clear, only several weeks after he said it should be left to the states, that abortion is not a states’ right issue.

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors continues to take action to protect the fundamental right to abortion and reproductive health care. Opposing S.4840 is the next necessary action.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Executive Office – Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations Branch to oppose S.4840 (Lindsey - R- SC), the Protecting Pain-Capable Unborn Children from Late-Term Abortions Act, and

¹ https://www.lgraham.senate.gov/public/_cache/files/3065785d-86b8-4d36-986a-72aa1c8f100c/protecting-pain-capable-unborn-children-from-late-term-abortions-act-.pdf

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