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D.C. should act now to protect abortion rights

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In less than two months, the Supreme Court will hear its first abortion rights case since the confirmation of Justices Neil M. Gorsuch and Brett M. Kavanaugh. This case could be a major step in chipping away the protections of *Roe v. Wade* and open the floodgates to restrictions that will effectively block abortion access for 25 million reproductive-age people nationwide. If that happens, the District does not have a law on the books to ensure that access to abortion is protected. The D.C. Council can and needs to move quickly to change that.

As a practicing obstetrician and gynecologist for more than 15 years and as the medical director of Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan Washington, I know how much is at stake for my patients when access to health care is threatened.

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