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**Statement of Lt. Governor Molly Gray on Continued Threats to Reproductive Freedom**

**Montpelier, Vt.** — Today, Lt. Governor Gray released the following statement in response to the Supreme Court’s refusal to block Texas’ abortion law:

“The continued attacks on Roe v. Wade must end. As Justice Sotomayor said, the Supreme Court’s opinion today will not only have catastrophic consequences for women in Texas, but will clear the way for other states to “reprise and perfect Texas’ scheme”. We need a nationwide safeguard to ensure reproductive liberty for all. Congress must act with urgency to pass the Women’s Health Protection Act, and here in Vermont we must continue to take steps to enact Prop 5 to enshrine these rights in the Vermont Constitution. Reproductive rights are human rights.”

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