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UPDATED: Planned Parenthood, Philadelphia Partners Hold Visibility Event Near City Hall for 43rd Anniversary of Roe v. Wade with Prominent Advocates

PHILADELPHIA, PA: On January 22, 2016, the 43rd anniversary of the historic Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision, Planned Parenthood Southeastern Pennsylvania (PPSP) is joining forces with New Voices Philadelphia, ACLU of Pennsylvania, Women’s Law Project, Keystone Progress, Unitarian Universalist PA Legislative Advocacy Network, National Council of Jewish Women (PA), WOMEN’S WAY, AccessMatters, Women’s Medical Fund, Delaware County Women’s Center, Philadelphia Women’s Center, Pennsylvania NOW and concerned citizens to celebrate the ability of women to make their own health care decisions, and reinforcing the importance of access to safe and legal abortion. On Friday, PPSP and partners will convene reproductive health advocates, providers, and patients in solidarity with efforts across the state to show support for access to abortion services in Pennsylvania. Advocates will meet on Broad Street near City Hall to raise visibility of the landmark decision and its continued urgency for people today.

The program will include remarks from Gloria Allred, a renowned women’s rights attorney who will be sharing her experience of having an abortion before the *Roe v. Wade* decision was in place. Other speakers include Pastor Pamela Williams of the Ark of Refuge Tabernacle, Planned Parenthood Southeastern Pennsylvania CEO and President Dayle Steinberg, and a youth advocate.

Despite a woman’s constitutional right to make her own personal medical decisions without interference from politicians, access to safe and legal abortion faces increasingly greater risk. Throughout the past five years, there has been a range of unprecedented, unpopular attacks on women’s health, all designed to restrict access to abortion. From courthouses to statehouses to Capitol Hill, Planned Parenthood works to protect access to health care for women across the country – taking action to ensure women have access to care, no matter what.

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WHO: Planned Parenthood Southeastern Pennsylvania, New Voices Philadelphia, ACLU of Pennsylvania, Women’s Law Project, Keystone Progress, Unitarian Universalist PA Legislative Advocacy Network, National Council of Jewish Women (PA), WOMEN’S WAY, AccessMatters, Women’s Medical Fund, Delaware County Women’s Center, Philadelphia Women’s Center, and Pennsylvania NOW

WHAT: *Roe v. Wade* Anniversary Event with Featured Speakers Attorney Gloria Allred, Pastor Pamela Williams, PPSP CEO Dayle Steinberg, and youth advocate

WHERE: Broad and Walnut Streets, near Philadelphia City Hall

WHEN: Friday, January 22, 2015 12pm-1pm

This event is open to the public.

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Planned Parenthood Southeastern Pennsylvania is the local affiliate of the country's leading sexual and reproductive health care advocate and provider. We believe that everyone has the right to choose when or whether to have a child, and that every child should be wanted and loved. Planned Parenthood Southeastern Pennsylvania operates 10 health centers throughout Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, and Philadelphia counties. Nationwide, Planned Parenthood affiliates operate more than 880 health centers, providing medical services and sexuality education for millions of women, men, and teenagers each year. We also work with allies worldwide to ensure that all women and men have the right and the means to meet their sexual and reproductive health care needs.