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## **As Early Voting in Texas Begins, Latinas in South Texas and Republican Women Report Increased Motivation to Vote Because of Texas Abortion Ban**

**Austin, TX** – Today, Planned Parenthood Texas Votes released the [results of a poll among Latinas in South Texas and Republican women](#) across the state, showing strong support for abortion access in these two constituencies who are particularly crucial for statewide challengers to be able to defeat anti-choice incumbents. The polling done by Change Research shows that both groups oppose Texas' extreme total abortion ban and are highly motivated to vote in November.

Among South Texas Latinas, abortion access and reproductive rights are key issues with 63% of South Texas Latinas saying they will support candidates who support abortion rights in November. Of those, critically, 96% report that they are *more* motivated to vote as a result of *Dobbs*.

Abortion is fracturing the GOP, as one-in-three Republican women support the right to an abortion in all or most cases and 51% oppose criminalization of abortion. Only 12% align with the agenda of Republican lawmakers to make abortion illegal in all circumstances without exception, while 14% of Republican women say they will support candidates who support abortion rights in November.

Key findings from the poll also show support for abortion access among Catholics throughout the South Texas region, challenging long-held stereotypes. Data shows that South Texas Catholic Latinas are strongly supportive of abortion access, with 80% believing that abortion should be available to those in need of the procedure.

Texas politicians with extreme anti-abortion views have enacted restrictions on reproductive health care for years. Now, it is clear that these abortion bans and assaults on fundamental freedoms are motivating women across Texas to vote.

"This poll shows what we have been seeing and hearing from voters throughout this campaign. A winning coalition of Texans from all different backgrounds -- regardless of race, religion, or political party -- are ready to show up and elect leaders who will restore abortion access this November," said **Dyana Limon-Mercado, Executive Director of Planned Parenthood Texas Votes**. "Women across the state have made it clear that they do not support Greg Abbott's extreme abortion bans. More than religion or party, Texans value freedom and family, and most

importantly, the freedom to decide what is best for their family. This November, we will harness our collective power to take back our state and restore the rights of every Texan to control their own bodies, lives, and futures."

"The message from this data is clear: Texas women reject Texas Republicans' assault on reproductive freedom," said **Nancy Zdunkewicz, Director at Change Research**. "In the wake of *Dobbs*, protecting abortion rights will be a persuasive and motivating issue in the midterms."

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