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Louisiana Law Firms Announce Free Litigation Assistance to People Hurt by Dobbs Decision Removing Federal Protection to Reproductive Health Care

Civil rights and criminal defense firms step up to defend a woman's right to choose.

BATON ROUGE, LA: Today the Fair Fight Initiative (FFI) announced a major initiative to coordinate free legal assistance to defend a woman's right to protect her body from forced birth. Immediately upon this unconstitutional, illegitimate decision being handed down, Louisiana's "trigger" laws came into effect, mandating 10-15 years of imprisonment to anyone who assists or provides in a woman's right to choose. Attorney General Jeff Landry has made it clear he fully intends to enforce this law, even in cities that do not agree with it—like New Orleans. We do not accept this.

What: Press conference to announce free legal representation for people criminally charged in Louisiana's war against women's reproductive health.

When: Tuesday, June 28, 2022, 11:00 am

Where: 19th Judicial District Courthouse, 300 North Blvd, Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Who: Attorneys Ronald Haley and Christopher Murell

According to Mr. Haley, "Louisiana's law now makes no exceptions even for rape or incest. If a father rapes his 11 year-old daughter, our Supreme Court and the Louisiana legislature have said she must carry that child to term. This decision of course impacts poor people, including disproportionately people of color, the worst. Those with means can travel to another state to receive vital health care. Those who cannot afford this travel, to miss work, to pay for childcare, and all the other expenses—these women no longer have equal rights. The Fair Fight Initiative will represent any and everyone charged with an abortion related offense for free."

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Fair Fight Initiative is a not-for-profit civil rights legal advocacy organization based in the Deep South. Through crowd-funded litigation and community advocacy, the Fair Fight Initiative exposes mistreatment in the law enforcement system and works to end mass incarceration.