



Planned Parenthood Advocates of Arizona

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**Planned Parenthood Advocates of Arizona:
Response to Today's Supreme Court Ruling**

PHOENIX – Planned Parenthood Advocates of Arizona is deeply disappointed by the Supreme Court's ruling that some for-profit corporations, such as the retail chain Hobby Lobby, can deny coverage of birth control to their employees.

Statement from Bryan Howard, President, Planned Parenthood Advocates of Arizona

"Today, the Supreme Court ruled against Arizona women and their families, allowing corporations to discriminate against women and deny employees access to birth control. It is most troubling that this ruling will prevent some women from getting birth control while they work hourly-wage jobs and struggle to make ends meet.

"It is unbelievable that in 2014, we are still fighting about whether a woman should have access to birth control. Some politicians want to get rid of birth control benefits altogether, taking away coverage from millions of women. Extremists in our own legislature have been loud and clear when it comes to Arizona women accessing birth control; they side with Hobby Lobby and corporations like them.

"To the majority of Arizonans, birth control is not a controversial issue. It is basic health care. Virtually all sexually active women (99 percent) between the ages of 15 and 44 have used birth control some time in their lives.

"Planned Parenthood hopes most businesses will do the right thing and let women make their own health care decisions. And, we hope that Arizonans will go to the polls in November to let politicians know they are going too far when it comes to discriminating against a woman and the health care she accesses."

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