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Statement by Assemblymember Deborah Glick and Senator Brad Hoylman on Supreme Court Decision Striking Down Crisis Pregnancy Center Disclosure Law

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Assemblymember Glick and Senator Hoylman's legislation (S8336/A5911) would require Crisis Pregnancy Centers to include government-written notice about abortion services and contraceptive options in their advertising

NEW YORK, NY - Today June 26, 2018, Assemblymember Deborah Glick and Senator Brad Hoylman issued the following statement in response to the Supreme Court's ruling on National Institute of Family and Life Advocates v. Becerra, which deemed California's laws requiring crisis pregnancy centers to provide government written-notice about abortion services and contraceptive options at their facilities unconstitutional.

Assemblymember Deborah Glick and State Senator Brad Hoylman said: "Crisis pregnancy centers are anti-choice organizations that masquerade as comprehensive health service providers. They provide misleading and/or false information about women's reproductive health and delay access to legitimate services. The Supreme Court's 5-4 decision today will empower crisis pregnancy centers to capitalize on the anxiety and uncertainty of visitors, peddle false information to those in vulnerable situations, and impede access to legitimate healthcare.

"When women seek out family planning and health care services, it is imperative that they are easily able to distinguish medical from non-medical services and receive accurate information without hassle or propaganda. We are proud to sponsor legislation in the New York State Legislature to guarantee transparency for individuals seeking abortion and contraceptive services and are outraged by the Supreme Court's decision to hamper that essential healthcare right. We will continue to work with advocates to ensure that we can introduce legislation in New York that complies with today's ruling, while still providing essential protections to New Yorkers."

Assemblymember Glick and Senator Hoylman sponsor legislation (S8336/A5911) that would improve a woman's ability to receive accurate and unbiased reproductive health services by obligating crisis pregnancy centers to disclose the clinic's position on abortion and contraception in regards to the clinic's willingness to refer or perform these medical undertakings.