



### **A Post Roe Pennsylvania – Fact and Fiction**

PA Joint Democratic Policy Committee Hearing, co-hosted by the Women's Health Caucus.

House Minority Caucus Room | 418 MC

July 19, 2022, 10:00 AM

#### **Introduction (10:00-10:05)**

Senator Katie Muth, Senate Policy Committee Chair

#### **Member Introductions (10:05-10:10)**

Representative Mary Isaacson

#### **Testimony (10:10-10:30)**

- *Dr. Denise Johnson, Pennsylvania Physician General*

#### **Question & Answer Period (11:00-11:50)**

- *Our constituents are facing a lot of fear about the future of reproductive healthcare in Pa, we have already held hearings on maternity deserts, hospital closures, and access seems constantly under attack. What message do you have for those who carry this fear?*
- *How many abortion providers are there in Pennsylvania? Does the state track the need and delivery of services statewide?*
- *A recent study tracked outcomes for over 1000 abortion seekers over 10 years and compared the results between those who were able to access abortion care and those denied. The study found improved outcomes for physical and mental health for those able to access abortions. Yet a consistent narrative for bills seeking to limit or penalize abortion seekers is that they will regret these decisions. What are your thoughts on abortion care and outcomes for mental and physical health?*
- *What would the impacts be for the proposed constitutional amendment eliminating abortion rights in PA?*
- *Are you aware of any facilities or providers curtailing abortion services pre-emptively due to this ruling?*

#### **Closing Remarks (11:50-12:00)**

Representative Mary Isaacson

Senator Katie Muth, Senate Policy Committee Chair