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### **Abortion Access and Public Health**

As of this writing, at least 7 U.S. states have passed bills restricting access to abortion, with the intent of challenging all or part of *Roe v. Wade*, the 1973 federal law permitting the procedure. Numerous health professional societies have released statements in support of abortion services, including the <u>American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists</u>, the <u>Association of Women's Health</u>, <u>Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses</u>, the <u>Royal College of General Practitioners</u>, and a <u>joint panel of twelve women's health organizations</u>. Below is a selection of articles exploring abortion access and its effects on maternal and family health.

- Comparison of Health, Development, Maternal Bonding, and Poverty Among Children Born After Denial of
   <u>Abortion vs After Pregnancies Subsequent to an Abortion</u>. Foster DG, Biggs MA, Raifman S, Gipson J, Kimport
   K, Rocca CH.
- <u>Effects of Carrying an Unwanted Pregnancy to Term on Women's Existing Children</u>. Foster DG, Raifman SE, Gipson JD, Rocca CH, Biggs MA.
- Role of birth spacing, family planning services, safe abortion services and post-abortion care in reducing maternal mortality. Ganatra B, Faundes A.
- <u>Side Effects, Physical Health Consequences, and Mortality Associated with Abortion and Birth after an Unwanted Pregnancy</u>. Gerdts C, Dobkin L, Foster DG, Schwarz EB.
- <u>Socioeconomic Outcomes of Women Who Receive and Women Who Are Denied Wanted Abortions in the United States</u>. Foster DG, Biggs MA, Ralph L, Gerdts C, Roberts S, Glymour MM.

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