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My name is Sean J. Young, and I am the Legal Director of the ACLU of Georgia.

This morning, the federal district court held a hearing on our motion for a preliminary injunction, which asks the court to block Georgia's abortion ban before January 2020. This lawsuit is being filed on behalf of SisterSong, an organization that advocates for reproductive justice in marginalized communities, and medical providers such as Feminist Women's Health Center and Planned Parenthood, whose mission is to provide women and others with the best medical care that they need. The legal team includes the ACLU, the Center for Reproductive Rights, and the Planned Parenthood Federation of America.

This lawsuit has always been about one thing: letting her decide.

Letting her decide when to start or expand a family. Letting her decide her own healthcare. Letting her decide the trajectory of her own life.

Everyone—even politicians—are entitled to their own opinions. And women are entitled to their own decisions.

As we argued this morning, this is an open and shut case. By banning virtually all pre-viability abortions, HB 481 is blatantly unconstitutional under nearly 50 years of Supreme Court precedent starting with *Roe v. Wade*. While I cannot predict when or how the court will rule, I can say that every federal court that has heard a challenge to an abortion ban has struck it down.

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