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As an obstetrician and gynecologist, I have watched with outrage and grave concern as state after state has restricted access to reproductive services and gender-affirming healthcare. We know that as these services become increasingly difficult or impossible to access, members of our community are being harmed. We know that health outcomes, including maternal mortality, will worsen as people are unable to access reproductive health services, forced to continue unwanted pregnancies to term; and socioeconomic outcomes will also worsen, pushing more people into poverty. We also know that Black, Indigenous, and other people of color, as well as those living on low incomes, will disproportionately suffer more harm in the face of these restrictions. I strongly urge our legislators to support HB2002, to maintain your commitment to address these challenges with us.