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POWER TO DECIDE LAUNCHES NEW ABORTION FINDER

The Digital Tool Helps Improve Access to Abortion Care

(Washington, D.C.) – Today, Power to Decide is proud to launch Abortion Finder, which can be accessed at <u>AbortionFinder.org</u>. Abortion Finder is an easy-to-use digital search tool designed to provide up-to-date information about the availability of abortion care across the country. Abortion Finder features over 750 clinics and provides the most comprehensive directory of trusted and verified abortion service providers in the United States.

The new abortion finder also can be found on <u>Bedsider</u>, a project of Power to Decide. Bedsider is an evidence-based digital health promotion tool serving people age 18-to-29.

"Despite consistent efforts by abortion opponents to block access to abortion care and to create impossible obstacles abortion seekers cannot overcome, abortion care continues to be part of the full spectrum of reproductive health services available for women," said Gillian Sealy, CEO, Power to Decide. "As such, the new Abortion Finder was designed to mitigate some of these challenges by helping people locate the nearest abortion clinic and access information to help them prepare for their appointment."

Users can also find information regarding state laws that might restrict their access to an abortion.

The obstacles some people face to accessing abortion care are significant, as is evidenced by a recent <u>Supreme Court decision</u>. In a 5-to-4 ruling, the Court struck down a law which would have left all but one abortion clinic in Louisiana closed. While the immediate impact was a victory, the ruling also left the door open for future restrictions. Despite abortion being legal in all 50 states, the fight to protect individuals' ability to access abortion care will continue as there are <u>many other attacks</u> on access to abortion care currently being fought in the courts.

"It has only been 47 years since abortion was made legally available nationwide," Sealy added. "In that time, women's advancements have been significant, but efforts to restrict access make abortion care fragile and services unequitable. We live in a time when resources, such as the new <u>Abortion Finder</u>, are critical to helping people access reproductive health care."

Power to Decide's new Abortion Finder is made possible through a partnership and coalition of reproductive and sexual health, medical and advocacy organizations, including the National Abortion Federation (NAF) and Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA). The clinics listed are





affiliated with NAF and PPFA as well as Abortion Care Network and some unaffiliated independent clinics.

Bedsider.org (**Bedsider**) is an evidence-based digital health promotional tool and online birth control support network for people age 18-29 operated by Power to Decide.

Power to Decide is a private, non-partisan, non-profit organization that works to ensure all people—no matter who they are, where they live or what their economic status might be—have the power to decide if, when and under what circumstances to get pregnant and have a child. Please visit us at www.PowerToDecide.org or follow us on Facebook and Twitter.