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5 Experts Available for Timely Analysis on SCOTUS Texas Abortion Case

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On November 1st, the Supreme Court is hearing a challenge to Texas law SB8. This new law went into effect in Texas in September, banning abortion after 6 weeks and authorizing private citizens to sue anyone they believe is providing abortion or assisting others in accessing abortion. To provide expert analysis on the Supreme Court hearing and the law's implications for reproductive health and rights in Texas and around the United States, these experts are available to comment.

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Kathleen Broussard is a PhD candidate in Sociology at the University of Texas at Austin who studies reproductive health, fertility, and social policy. Her current project examines the experiences of people living near the Mexican border who have attempted self-managed abortion.

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Dr. Eagen-Torkko is associate professor and Director of Nursing in the School of Nursing & Health Studies at the University of Washington Bothell. Her scholarship focuses on the relationships between power, ethics, and sexual and reproductive health, and on the impacts of power and moral distress for nurses and midwives. She serves in a number of national leadership positions, including on the Ethics Committee and Gender Equity Task Force for the American College of Nurse-Midwives, and on the Board of Directors for Nurses for Sexual and Reproductive Health. She maintains a clinical practice in sexual and reproductive healthcare in the Family Planning Program of Public Health Seattle/King County.

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Grace Howard is an Assistant Professor of Justice Studies at San Jose State University. Howard's research focuses on reproductive law and politics, constitutional law, law and society, bioethics, criminal justice, public policy, feminist theory and critical race theory. Overarching themes in Howard's writings include pregnancy discrimination and the relevance of law. Howard serves as co-director of the Rutgers University Informed Consent Project and is an American Fellow with the American Association of University Women. She is currently writing a book about the criminalization of pregnancy.

Kimberly Kelly

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Kimberly Kelly is a sociologist whose research on anti-abortion politics spans nearly two decades. Kelly initially focused on the national context of the crisis pregnancy center movement and so-called 'post abortion syndrome.' She has signed onto a number of amicus briefs on behalf of abortion access in various court cases based on her research and recently completed work as an expert witness in *Planned Parenthood v. Alpha Center*. More recently, Kelly has moved to studying Mississippi abortion politics and activists, including the 15 week abortion ban currently under review at the Supreme Court and its connections to the Texas law that went into effect September 1.

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Kari White, Ph.D., MPH, is an Associate Professor of Social Work and Sociology at The University of Texas at Austin and the Principal Investigator of the Texas Policy Evaluation Project (TxPEP), a collaborative group of researchers that generate high-impact research on reproductive health policies and services in Texas. Her research focuses on abortion, family planning services provided at publicly funded clinics, and vasectomy. She is also involved with studies on postpartum contraceptive use.

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