The Supreme Court ruled in June 2020 that clinics and doctors can continue to assert "third-party standing." This means that clinics and doctors may bring a lawsuit to court on behalf of their patients.

**WHY DOES THIS MATTER?**
Because an individual trying to protect their right to have an abortion faces many challenges:

- They need to be pregnant when the suit began.
- There is a significant financial burden, and they may be unable to afford court costs.
- They would have to find a lawyer who will help them.
- They must be directly affected by the abortion restriction.
- They may receive threats to their personal safety.
- There have been 9 national abortion cases in the Supreme Court. Of these, only one case was presented by an individual plaintiff.

**WHAT NOW?**
This Supreme Court decision does not change abortion access in Ohio. Abortion is legal and clinics remain open throughout the state. However, abortion in Ohio is still heavily restricted.

- >15 laws in Ohio regulate abortion.
- 11 abortion clinics have closed in Ohio since 2010.
- 10 abortion clinics remain open in Ohio.

- There have been 12 Ohio abortion cases in federal court. Of these, 10 relied on third-party standing.