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Florida women face double whammy with their reproductive health

It has been two years since Donald Trump's Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade. Now, more than one in three women of reproductive age live under an abortion ban. Just last month, here in Florida, the Republican led Legislature and the governor enacted a six-week abortion ban. This ban prevents 4 million Floridian women from accessing abortion care after six weeks— before many women even know they are pregnant. But Trump isn't stopping there. Now he is looking into policies to restrict contraception access. In an interview with KDKA-TV of Pittsburgh, Trump was asked if he supported restrictions on a person's right to contraception. Trump responded that he was looking into that — comments he later walked back. When pressed on the issue, Trump responded that the states have different policies, and he would be releasing a "very comprehensive policy" on this issue. If we have learned anything, when Trump speaks, we should listen — very carefully.

Women in Florida face a double whammy when it comes to managing their reproductive health. Florida's six-week abortion ban restricts women's freedom to choose when to have a family and endangers their health. Going after birth control is taking ultimate control over a woman's body. It is astounding to me that my granddaughter and niece may have fewer choices than I did when I was their age. This November, the choice is clear to support women's health: President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris will protect and strengthen access to contraception in Florida and across the country. Trump and like-minded Republicans will only lead to continued attacks on access to contraception.

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