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Dear Honorable Judges:

We write on behalf of Global Doctors for Choice (GDC), an international network of physicians from a range of specialties committed to improving women's reproductive health and rights. GDC is committed to the provision of high-quality medical care grounded in science and to the defense of human rights. We strive to protect and expand access to comprehensive reproductive health care through advocacy for evidence-based policy and medical research.

We write to urge you to overturn the decision to not allow an abortion for the 10-year old victim of rape. This young girl was a victim of repeated rapes, and she is physically and developmentally too young to continue a pregnancy to term.

A doctor's first duty is always to our patients. As a global network of physicians, we urge you to intervene to prevent additional medical and psychological harm for this child.

Sincerely,

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