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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – The Florida House passed the 6-week abortion ban in a marathon Session, with seven GOP Representatives recognizing the importance to bodily autonomy and voting against passing this near-total abortion ban. Additional Florida House Democrats provided the following statements.

Representative Kristen A. Arrington (D-Kissimmee) said, “We are literally driving residents and visitors out of Florida with the legislation being pushed and passed by our Governor and the Republican Legislature. Yesterday, Equality Florida issued a travel advisory to individuals, families, entrepreneurs, and students. A few weeks ago, Florida NAACP voted unanimously to recommend similar warnings to the black community about the risk of traveling, or relocation to the state. The Florida Immigrant Coalition has issued a travel warning to people of color, individuals who speak with an accent, and international travelers. After today’s vote, we should expect to see travel and relocation warnings issued to women—who will be next?”

“I want to thank my colleagues for their thorough and passionate debate. Today they stood and fought to preserve the rights of my two little girls, Mia Johnson, 13 and Kayla Grace Monique Johnson, 1 year of age. Every day I pray that my girls go to school and to day care, safely, and that they return home, safely. Unfortunately, this is a dangerous world and the truth is, one day they may be sexually assaulted. As much as I want to keep them protected, I can’t be everywhere, all the time. The idea that they would be forced to carry that child—the mental anguish that they may go through while doing so—scares me to my core. SB 300 creates some exceptions; those exceptions should not have limits.

“My little girls are sovereign over their own bodies. Not their father. Not their mother. Not the government. No one can change that.

“I proudly stand with women. I proudly stand with my little girls. I proudly stand against this bill,” said **Representative Kevin D. Chambliss (D-Homestead)**.

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