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## Original Meaning Amicus Brief

Amicus is the Constitutional Accountability Center, a public interest law firm and think tank.

The brief argues that the text and history of the Fourteenth Amendment protect a robust right to liberty, including the right to end a pregnancy. The Fifth Circuit abdicated its responsibility to protect that right.

History shows that the framers of the Fourteenth Amendment sought to provide broad protection of substantive liberty—not limited to the specific guarantees enumerated elsewhere in the Constitution—to secure equal citizenship stature for individuals of all groups and classes.