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**STATEMENT FROM MAYOR BILL DE BLASIO ON OKLAHOMA ANTI-ABORTION
LEGISLATION**

“Yet again, legislators are attempting to turn back the hands of time and violate the constitutional rights of women. Oklahoma Governor Mary Fallin is currently considering legislation that would revoke the medical license of any doctor performing abortions in the state, except in the most extreme cases where the woman’s life is at risk. Women, regardless of where they live, should be able to make their own private health care decisions and have control over their bodies – not politicians. While this dangerous attempt to impinge on a woman’s constitutional right to choose sits in front of Oklahoma’s top executive, NYC urges Governor Fallin to oppose the bill and sends a message to women in Oklahoma and other states where women’s reproductive rights are threatened: New York welcomes you, supports you, and is open to all those seeking safe, legal abortion. If this legislation is signed, in demonstration of New York City’s strong opposition to it, I will ban employees of the City of New York from using public funds on non-essential travel to the state of Oklahoma until further notice.”

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