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JUSTICE THOMAS, with whom JUSTICE SCALIA joins, concurring.

I join the Court's opinion because it accurately applies current jurisprudence, including *Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Pa.* v. *Casey*, 505 U. S. 833 (1992). I write separately to reiterate my view that the Court's abortion jurisprudence, including *Casey* and *Roe* v. *Wade*, 410 U. S. 113 (1973), has no basis in the Constitution. See *Casey*, *supra*, at 979 (SCALIA, J., concurring in judgment in part and dissenting in part); *Stenberg* v. *Carhart*, 530 U. S. 914, 980–983 (2000) (THOMAS, J., dissenting). I also note that whether the Act constitutes a permissible exercise of Congress' power under the Commerce Clause is not before the Court. The parties did not raise or brief that issue; it

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is outside the question presented; and the lower courts did not address it. See *Cutter* v. *Wilkinson*, 544 U. S. 709, 727, n. 2 (2005) (THOMAS, J., concurring).