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CECILIA VEGA: Supreme Court clash. The potentially landmark case pitting same-sex marriage against religious belief. What's at stake.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: New This Morning; All Eyes on Supreme Court Clash; Potentially Landmark Case Pitting Gay Rights vs. Religion]

VEGA: We're going to turn to the Supreme Court now. Today, the justices hearing a landmark case that once again involves a clash of gay rights and religious belief. At issue in this case is whether a Colorado graphic designer can use her faith as a reason for refusing to do business with a same-sex couple. Our senior national correspondent Terry Moran is at the Supreme Court there with the latest on this. Good morning, Terry.

TERRY MORAN: Good morning, Cecilia. This really is one of the blockbuster cases of the year. It pits free speech rights against laws that are designed to protect LGBTQ Americans and others from discrimination. Lorie Smith is the plaintiff and, as you say, she designs wedding websites in Colorado but she does not want to design that kind of website for gay couples on account of her religious beliefs, she says. So, she's asking the Supreme Court to strike down Colorado's anti-discrimination act which would require her to design websites, serve LGBTQ couples, or face fines. She says that law violates her rights to free expression as an artist — graphic artist and she wants it struck down. The state of Colorado says this is simple. This law simply requires businesses that serve the general public to serve everyone. That's been a cornerstone of civil rights law for decades and the implications of this case are potentially huge, not just limited to the LGBTQ community. What if — what if a photographer refuses to take pictures of immigrant school children because he opposes immigration in this country? That is the kind of question that long thought settled, but perhaps no more. We'll expect a decision some time next year. Robin.

ROBIN ROBERTS: Lot of people will be waiting for that, Terry, thank you.