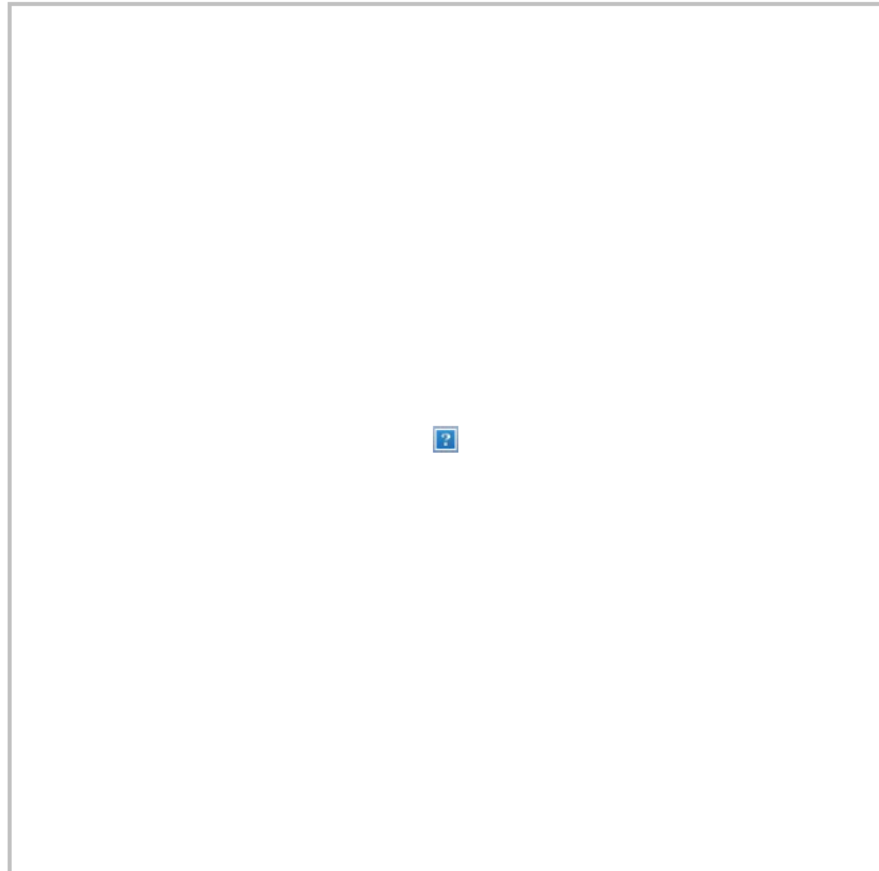


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ACTION ALERT: ROE V. WADE

Mayors,

Today the United States Supreme Court overturned the landmark decision of Roe v. Wade. This horrific action not only threatens the well-being and healthcare of millions of women but dismantles nearly 50 years of progress in abortion and reproductive rights. We must come together and protect the fundamental right of abortion access.

IMPORTANT! We need your help in amplifying the significance of this decision and its detrimental impact on women across the nation. Please be vocal about this fundamental issue in your communities and on your social media channels.

Below please find resources, including a statement from DMA, President Joe Biden's video

remarks, a joint statement by the Democratic sister committees, talking points, resources from the Center for American Progress, and actions your fellow Mayors are taking to support their communities. We will be sharing your statements with the White House throughout the day.

Thank you for all that you do!

The Democratic Mayors Team

STATEMENT FROM DMA

Democratic Mayors Association Statement on the Supreme Court's Decision to Overturn Roe v. Wade

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Democratic Mayors Association (DMA) President Mayor Levar M. Stoney issued the following statement in response to the United States Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade:

"Today is a grim chapter in our nation's history, as the United States Supreme Court has wrongly decided to overturn a landmark decision that has preserved millions of Americans' reproductive rights and privacy. This callous decision waks back nearly 50 years of progress and the tireless efforts of advocates who fought to protect a woman's right to choose.

Overturing Roe not only increases health risks for millions but will bring about graver social and economic implications for many Americans. Unfortunately, the brunt of this decision will fall on impoverished communities and people of color, who already lack the resources to access necessary reproductive healthcare. Beyond these implications, this decision now opens the door for other fundamental constitutional rights to be at risk of reversal.

Democratic Mayors firmly believe that women deserve the freedom to make decisions about their bodies and that abortion is still a fundamental healthcare right. As local leaders, we have already initiated efforts to protect our communities and their reproductive liberties in the wake of federal inaction.

Mayors in [Austin](#), [Madison](#), and [Tucson](#) have developed resolutions in preparation to protect their residents and ensure they are not criminalized for exercising their reproductive freedoms. In [Chicago](#), the city has set up a fund to support residents and individuals from neighboring states with transportation, lodging, care, and, if necessary, access to safe and legal abortion procedures. Actions like these must continue to protect Americans' reproductive liberties and well-being.

This decision is a clear reminder that elections matter and have consequences. Now, more than ever, we must [register](#) and turn out to vote for pro-choice candidates who will defend reproductive rights on the ballot this November."

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Amplify DMA's Statement on Twitter:

<https://twitter.com/DemMayors/status/1540345367178485760>

PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN'S REMARKS

[Watch President Biden Deliver Remarks on the Supreme Court Decision](#)

JOINT STATEMENT FROM DNC, DSCC, DCCC, DGA, DAGA, DLCC, & DMA

Joint Statement From DNC, DSCC, DCCC, DGA, DAGA, DLCC, DMA On SCOTUS Overturning Roe v. Wade

In response to the United States Supreme Court today overturning Roe v. Wade, DNC Chair Jaime Harrison, DSCC Chair Gary Peters, DCCC Chair Sean Patrick Maloney, DGA Chair Roy Cooper, DAGA Co-Chairs Aaron Ford and Kathy Jennings, DLCC Chair Andrea Stewart-Cousins, and Democratic Mayors Association President Levar M. Stoney issued the following joint statement:

“Democrats believe women in America have the right to make their own health care decisions, and that politicians should never get in the way of these private decisions. Today’s Supreme Court ruling is the culmination of a coordinated Republican effort to attack this fundamental freedom – but Democrats will fight back with every tool we can, and voters of every political persuasion will hold the GOP accountable in 2022.

“Make no mistake: The Republican Party will not stop at overturning Roe. The 2022 election will now determine whether new, cruel, and punishing restrictions will be put in place on women and families. With Republicans in power, states could make abortion illegal without exceptions for rape, incest, and the life of the mother, and women and doctors could be charged with a crime if they have or perform an abortion.

“The stakes of November’s elections could not be higher – and voters will make their voices heard by standing with Democrats up and down the ballot.”

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TALKING POINTS

- Overturning Roe v. Wade negates nearly 50 years of progress and is a dangerous step back for our nation, gravely impacting generations to come.
- The implications of this decision will create an immediate danger to the well-being and healthcare of women, especially women of color and

impoverished communities who will suffer the most.

- Democratic Mayors firmly believe that women deserve the freedom to make decisions about their bodies.
- Conservatives' political schemes should not impede women's choices and healthcare decisions.
- Abortion is a fundamental healthcare right, and we must protect access for all Americans.
- Now more than ever, Mayors must stand together and work to protect these rights. We urge other local leaders to take immediate action and protect Americans' reproductive rights.
- This moment is a clear reminder that elections matter and that we must turn out to vote and elect Democrat pro-choice candidates up and down the ballot.

CENTER FOR AMERICAN PROGRESS RESOURCES

- [Americans Strongly Back Continued Access to Early Abortion Medication](#)
- [5 Key Facts About Medication Abortion](#)
- [2022 State Abortion Bans Are a Patchwork of Increasingly Extreme Laws](#)
- [Exceptions to Abortion Bans Further Restrict Access to Care](#)

MAYOR ACTIONS

Austin, TX - Mayor Steve Adler

Mayor Steve Adler and the city council have developed the GRACE (Guarding the Right to Abortion Care for Everyone) Act that would direct Austin police to make criminal enforcement, arrests, and investigations of abortion its lowest priority. The measure would also block the use of city funds and staff from reporting or investigating suspected abortions. The GRACE Act would not be submitted before the full council until the Supreme Court's decision is issued and could come within hours of the ruling.

KVUE: [Austin could protect abortion rights if SCOTUS overturns Roe v. Wade](#) 5/31/22

POLITICO: [Austin pushing to effectively decriminalize abortion ahead of ruling on Roe](#) 5/30/22

Chicago, IL - Mayor Lori Lightfoot

Mayor Lori Lightfoot is pledging \$500,000 through the Justice for All Pledge to support reproductive healthcare for Chicago residents and individuals from neighboring states. The fund will support transportation, lodging, care, and, if

necessary, access to safe and legal abortion procedures.

[City of Chicago Press Release: Mayor Lightfoot Announces a 'Justice For All Pledge' Centering on Equity and Access](#) 5/9/22

Chicago Tribune: [With Roe v. Wade reversal expected, Mayor Lori Lightfoot pledges \\$500K for abortion access in Chicago](#) 5/9/22

Tucson, AZ - Mayor Regina Romero

Mayor Regina Romero and the city council passed a resolution that addresses SB1164, which would criminalize people who help with abortion services when Roe v. Wade is overturned. The resolution supports the rights of pregnant individuals, including with abortion, and orders the police department to make no arrests under the abortion ban. This also includes protections under Arizona's 1901 law that bans all abortions. The resolution was developed in collaboration with Tucson Police Chief Chad Kasmar, Pima County Attorney Laura Conover, and City Attorney M ke Rankin and went into effect immediately.

[Arizona Public Media: Tucson City Council passes resolution supporting abortion rights](#) 6/7/22

[KGUN: Mayor Regina Romero leads resolution to continue protecting abortion rights](#) 6/7/22

[KOLD News 13: Tucson passes resolution in case of Roe v. Wade reversal](#) 6/7/22

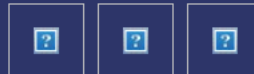
Madison, WI - Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway

Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway and the Common Council have passed a resolution that supports the Madison Police Department in refusing to arrest people, including abortion providers, for any violation of the 1849 statute on abortion in Wisconsin. The resolution also directs law enforcement in the event of receiving a complaint relating to the Wisconsin statute to direct investigations to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

[City of Madison: To Protect Reproductive Justice in the City of Madison Resolution](#) 6/21/22

[Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway's Statement on the Overturning of Roe vs. Wade](#) 6/22/22

If you have actions you would like to share, please fill out this google [form](#) with details or email Brooke@DemocraticMayors.org with more information.



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