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YWCA ALASKA Official Statement regarding the Reversal of Roe v. Wade

YWCA Alaska supports Roe v. Wade as settled law under the Supreme Court ruling of 1973. This nearly 50-year precedence established a woman's right to privacy, her right to autonomy over her own body, and her right to safe abortions.

YWCA Alaska has stood up for women's rights in Alaska since 1989, following in the long history of a national network of YWCAs that have been in the fight for reproductive rights for more than 50 years. We refuse to sit on the sidelines and allow these rights to be stripped away in a democracy of the people, for the people, and by the people. Women have the right to be free in every way a person can experience freedom. Deciding whether to have children and when to have children is the right of every Alaskan.

YWCA Alaska stands in solidarity with front-line organizations and protestors working to bring awareness to the assault on the civil liberties of women. Protecting the reproductive rights of people does not force anyone to have an abortion, it ensures that abortion healthcare is accessible when requested and needed. There is no such thing as ending abortion. A reversal of Roe v. Wade would only end SAFE abortions. Did you know that about half of the people who get an abortion live below the federal poverty level, and the consequences of being denied an abortion would plunge those people deeper into poverty?

<https://www.marketwatch.com/story/nearly-half-of-women-who-have-abortions-live-below-in-the-federal-poverty-level-2019-05-17>

The fundamental right of young people and specifically young people of color, to determine their futures are at stake.

YWCA Alaska remains committed to eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all. We stand against oppression in any form. We envision an Alaska where all peoples are treated with respect, and justice for all is the culture of this great land.

The time to act is now! Protect the right of everyone to make personal decisions about their lives, families, and futures. Contact your Federal Representatives today and tell them to pass **the Women's Health Protection Act of 2021 (S. 1975)**.

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/1975>

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