

Remembering Roe v. Wade

On Jan. 22, we marked the 39th anniversary of the landmark *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court decision. This watershed ruling guaranteed that the right to privacy in the U.S. Constitution protects the right of a woman to choose whether to continue a pregnancy to term or have a safe and legal abortion.

The truth is, no matter what they call themselves or where they align politically, a majority of Americans respect the decision each woman must make about her own pregnancy and oppose efforts to overturn *Roe*. That hasn't changed in the last four decades.

Unfortunately, we've seen a small group of anti-women's health legislators introduce legislation that would undermine women's health, not just access to safe abortion care. They have also targeted access to contraception, one of the most effective means of preventing unintended pregnancy and therefore, abortion.

This year, we need to draw a line in the sand and say enough is enough. We need to let them know that we'll be watching — and that when they try to take away health care services and rights from American women there will be consequences.

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