

# Barnes Campaign: Mandela Barnes advocates for reproductive justice

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In response to reports that the Supreme Court intends to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, Lt. Governor Mandela Barnes, candidate for U.S. Senate, took immediate action calling for the protection of abortion access in the United States.

Watch Lt. Governor Barnes' speech at a rally in La Crosse yesterday [here](#).

***Here's what they're saying:***

**La Crosse Tribune: [WATCH NOW: Democrats call for statutory abortion rights at La Crosse rally](#)**

- Lt. Gov. Mandela Barnes, who's running for the U.S. Senate seat occupied by Republican Ron Johnson, drew a sharp contrast between himself and the incumbent on abortion rights.
- "While Ron Johnson may be on the wrong side of this issue, I can guarantee you that I will always stand up for reproductive freedom," Barnes said.

**Spectrum News: [Mandela Barnes calls for action to codify Roe v. Wade](#)**

- "It's always been important, especially in a state like Wisconsin. Now, unfortunately we have a gerrymandered legislature who has also tried to chip away at abortion access in the state of Wisconsin. They tried in two consecutive legislative sessions. Fortunately, we had the Governor in place

who vetoed the bills that were introduced by Republican lawmakers.”

- “But again, the moment is now for us to do something. There is no reason with the President, the House, and the Senate that we don’t have Roe codified into law.”

**WIZM: [Democratic candidates speak at La Crosse rally aimed at preserving women’s choice](#)**

- Wisconsin Lt. Gov. Mandela Barnes, running against Ron Johnson for U.S. Senate, was among Democratic candidates who spoke to the crowd.

**Associated Press: [Abortion becomes front-line issue in Wisconsin midterms](#)**

- “Democrats need to act today,” Lt. Gov. Mandela Barnes, a Senate candidate, tweeted. Barnes renewed his call on the Senate to abolish the filibuster to make it possible to pass laws protecting abortion rights.