

Barnes campaign: Statement on the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*

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MADISON — In response to the Supreme Court's decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, Lt. Governor Mandela Barnes, candidate for U.S. Senate released the following statement:

“Like it does for so many Americans, this decision hits close to home for me. I might not be here today if *Roe v. Wade* hadn't allowed my mother to make the best decision for her health and safety.

“This decision will punish women and cost people their lives. The American people deserve elected leaders who will go to the mat to protect our basic freedoms and that's what I intend to do. It's past time to abolish the filibuster and make *Roe* the law of the land.”

Last week, Mandela [shared](#) why the need to protect access to reproductive health is personal to him and his family.