

Committee to Protect Health Care: Wisconsin physicians denounce draft Supreme Court Opinion overturning Roe v Wade, thank Gov. Evers for commitment to protecting abortion access

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MADISON – Monday, a draft opinion of the U.S. Supreme Court was leaked that suggests they will overturn Roe v Wade, which has protected the constitutional right to an abortion for nearly 50 years. Gov. Tony Evers [promised to defend access to abortion](#) and [announced on Tuesday that he is leading a coalition of governors](#) calling on Congress to immediately act to pass the Women’s Health Protection Act to codify the right to an abortion in law. In response to these developments, Dr. Kristen Lyerly, an OB/GYN in Green Bay, released the following statement:

“Although abortion is still legal, doctors are devastated by the fact that the U.S. Supreme Court seems prepared to overturn the constitutional right to an abortion. Let’s be clear, abortion is health care, and restricting access to it will put the health and well-being of my patients, and all Americans, at risk. Thankfully, here in Wisconsin, Governor Tony Evers is committed to ensuring all residents have abortion access. As a physician, I’m grateful that his leadership will help protect people who can get pregnant.”

Dr. Ann Helms, a critical care neurologist in Milwaukee and the Wisconsin State Lead for the Committee to Protect Health Care, said:

“Decisions around abortion should be made between patients and their doctors, without the interference of politicians or judges. The Supreme Court’s draft opinion threatens the doctor-patient relationship, and, frankly, is dangerous. Forcing a person to carry an unwanted pregnancy to term can be harmful and even deadly. Leaders like Governor Evers will be saving lives by protecting access to abortion.”