

Committee to Protect Healthcare: As President Biden pledges to codify Roe with a Democratic Congress in 2023, Wisconsin physicians highlight importance of having a senator who supports reproductive freedom

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MADISON – Today, President Joe Biden [pledged during a speech](#) that if more Democratic Senators are elected and the House stays in Democratic control, the first bill he'd send to Congress would be one codifying *Roe v. Wade*. President Biden's remarks underscore the stakes of Wisconsin's Senate race between Sen. Ron Johnson, who has supported banning abortion nationally, and Lt. Gov. Mandela Barnes, who supports restoring abortion rights. In response to President Biden's pledge, **Dr. Kristin Lyerly, an OB/GYN in Green Bay and member of the Committee to Protect Health Care's Reproductive Freedom Taskforce**, released the following statement:

"As Wisconsin's abortion ban continues to harm women's health and trample on their freedom to make their own health care decisions, it's critical that our next U.S. senator work with others in Congress to restore the protections of *Roe* nationwide. Unfortunately, Senator Ron Johnson has refused to protect women's reproductive freedom at every turn, even going to far as to support a national abortion ban with no exceptions for rape or incest. Doctors trust that Lt. Gov. Mandela Barnes would work to pass a bill to codify *Roe*, ensuring that doctors can provide life-saving care for our patients and trusting women with the freedom to make their own decisions around pregnancy and abortion."