

Democratic Governors Association: Governor Evers leads charge to remove centuries-old abortion ban

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As access to reproductive health is under attack like never before, Gov. Tony Evers is leading the push to permanently protect the right to choose in Wisconsin law. Days before the 49th anniversary of the decision in Roe v. Wade, Gov. Evers, Attorney General Josh Kaul, State Sen. Kelda Roys, Rep. Lisa Subeck and advocates from Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin [called](#) on the legislature to pass legislation that would end Wisconsin's 172-year-old ban on abortion.

The U.S. Supreme Court is set to issue a ruling this year that could drastically undermine, or even completely dismantle, the legal protections set by Roe of a woman's right to choose. Gov. Evers' push to remove the archaic statute criminalizing abortion would ensure abortion access remains protected in Wisconsin in the event Roe is overturned.

Gov. Evers has been an unwavering defender of reproductive rights since taking office. The governor has [vetoed](#) several bills that would've restricted access to reproductive health care access. In addition to his defense of the right to choose, Gov. Evers also has also [protected](#) the right to vote from Republican attempts to ram through voter suppression legislation.

"In the midst of the unprecedented attacks to restrict the right to choose, Gov. Evers is fighting to ensure that Wisconsin remains a safe haven for reproductive health care," said DGA Senior Communications Advisor Christina Amestoy. "Between his push to protect abortion access and his actions to protect voting rights, Gov. Evers is proving that the fight for progress begins at the state level. While Republicans are trying to drag the state back decades, his leadership

continues to move Wisconsin forward.”