

Rep. McGuire: Statement on special session to secure reproductive rights

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MADISON - Today, Wisconsin Legislative Democrats gathered in the State Capitol, ready to answer Gov. Evers' call for a special session to secure reproductive rights. In recent weeks, a draft copy of the U.S. Supreme Court's upcoming decision made it clear that the conservative majority is poised to overturn the decades of judicial precedent of *Roe v. Wade*, upending women's healthcare across the country. Here in Wisconsin, overturning *Roe* would trigger an outdated 1849 law criminalizing virtually all abortions, including in cases of rape and incest.

"If conservatives on the Supreme Court get their way, reproductive healthcare in this state will get sent back to the Dark Ages," said Rep. Tip McGuire, "Now is the time to take action so that our state does not mandate forced pregnancies, particularly in cases of rape and incest."

Republicans are expected to ignore the need for legislative action on this issue and gavel in and out of the special session, as they have for education, gun safety, healthcare, and \$150 tax refund payments for every Wisconsinite to deal with rising costs.