

# Rep. Pope: Statement on SCOTUS decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade*

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MADISON— This morning, the U.S. Supreme Court released its formal opinion on *Dobbs v. Jackson*. The court ruled that the Constitution does not grant a right to an abortion, and the authority to regulate abortion is returned to the states. Rep. Pope released the following statement in response to this opinion:

“I am hugely disappointed by the U.S. Supreme Court’s decision to take away the right to abortion by overturning *Roe v. Wade*. In doing so, the Supreme Court has ignored the will of the majority of citizens and set America back 50 years. This opinion will cause great harm, complications, and confusion throughout the country. An essential human right was taken away today, and the consequences will be dangerous and deadly.

“Earlier this week, my Republican colleagues refused to repeal Wisconsin’s criminal abortion ban from 1849. Regrettably, their inaction has left Wisconsin residents without access to essential, comprehensive healthcare. I am truly heartbroken for the people of this state.

“Republicans in Wisconsin and across the country have been working for years to remove access to abortion. We will now see the grave repercussions of their efforts. While the Supreme Court’s decision today is a massive setback, my Democratic colleagues and I will continue fighting to ensure all Wisconsin citizens can again have the freedom to make decisions about their bodies and reproductive healthcare, free from government interference. This is a painful day for our state and country, making our future elections even more significant and consequential. Be assured, we will remain steadfast in our fight for these rights.”