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Rep. Hesselbein: Statement on overruling of Roe v. Wade

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Middleton – Today, after the U.S. Supreme Court released a decision overruling the decision *Roe v. Wade*, State Representative Dianne Hesselbein (D-Middleton) released the following statement:

“Today is an incredibly frustrating day for our country and for the state of Wisconsin. The reproductive freedom that was guaranteed under this landmark decision has been overturned in an overtly political decision by the extremist conservative members of the U.S. Supreme Court.

“When abortion is illegal, women die. Millions of lives will be inevitably made worse by the decision today of the five extremist justices. Wisconsin and the United States will be less free, less fair and less healthy as a result of this decision.

“Now more than ever it is vital that we end Wisconsin’s archaic 1849 criminal abortion ban. It is absolutely shameful that on Wednesday, my Republican colleagues ignored the will of the people of Wisconsin and tossed aside the Governor’s call for a special session on reproductive freedom. Their inaction, coupled with today’s Supreme Court decision, will have serious consequences on the health and freedom of our friends, families, neighbors, and communities.

“Abortion is healthcare. I will not stop fighting until the right to comprehensive reproductive healthcare is restored.”