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Rep. Stubbs: Statement on the Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v Wade

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MADISON, WI- Today, the Supreme Court released its ruling on Dobbs v Jackson Women's Health, overturning Roe v Wade, the 1973 landmark ruling that protected abortion rights. On this decision, Representative Shelia Stubbs (D-Madison) gave the following statement:

"With this ruling today, the Supreme Court of the United States failed the American people. The United States of America must stand for freedom and liberty, but today our court is stripping people of essential reproductive rights. Restricting access to abortion is harmful and will set a dangerous precedent here in Wisconsin. Wisconsinites who need abortions should be able to access them safely, legally, and free from obstruction. Let this be clear: abortion is a private matter to be consulted with a person's faith, family, and medical providers; not politicians."

"As it was apparent at the special session on Wednesday and the Supreme Court decision today, Republican leaders want to criminalize abortion completely, even in cases of rape, and incest. Today, we must think about the most vulnerable and most marginalized amongst us—young women, survivors of rape and abuse, people of color, people from low-income households, and people in rural areas—as I know that this decision will affect them the most. Abortion bans will only push the marginalized further into the margins. Abortion bans will only further exacerbate existing racial disparities and gender inequities here in Wisconsin. Abortion bans will only worsen obstacles such as travel and procedural costs, childcare arrangements, and time off work. These obstacles will force abortions to happen later in pregnancy."

“We should not take this sitting down. Now, more than ever, we must stand firm in our fight for reproductive justice. Now, more than ever, we must come together and stand up for abortion rights in Wisconsin and across our nation. I urge you to channel this feeling of frustration and disappointment to provide support to each other and to the cause. Volunteer for organizations that help people who need abortion care; take time to participate in pro-choice political actions; share information on safe abortions and help people you know find access to one; and most importantly: speak up—post on social media, write a letter to the editor, send an email to your Representatives. This is an incredibly painful moment for all of us. Let us do what we can, in our own capacity, to push back. Me and my Democratic Colleagues stand with you. We will continue to fight for access to abortion and the protection of choice, no matter what.”