

U.S. Sen. Baldwin: Democrats push Biden for “bold action” to protect abortion access in a post-Roe America

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) joined 33 Democratic Senators in a [letter](#) to President Joe Biden urging “bold action” to protect the right to abortion after the conservative wing of the Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade* and Republicans made this generation of women the first with fewer rights than their mothers.

“We appreciate that in your speech yesterday, you acknowledged the reality that the ‘health and life of women across this nation are now at risk.’ Now is the time for bold action to protect the right to an abortion. You have the power to fight back and lead a national response to this devastating decision, so we call on you to take every step available to your Administration, across federal agencies, to help women access abortions and other reproductive health care, and to protect those who will face the harshest burdens from this devastating and extreme decision,” wrote the Senators.

The letter comes as 22 states, including Wisconsin, have laws in place to ban or severely restrict access that are triggered by the courts’ decision—with seven statewide abortion bans already in effect as of Friday. Meanwhile, Republicans have made clear they will not stop with overturning *Roe*: next, they will push for a national abortion ban. Former Vice President Mike Pence even [said last week](#) that Republicans “must not rest and must not relent” until abortion rights are gone in “every state in the land.”

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The letter was led by Senator Pat Murray (D-WA) and was also signed by Senators Markey (D-MA), Wyden (D-OR), Merkley (D-OR), Hirono (D-HI), Heinrich (D-NM), Gillibrand (D-NY), Blumenthal (D-CT), Rosen (D-NV), Duckworth (D-IL), Bennet (D-CO), Brown (D-OH), Warren (D-MA), Klobuchar (D-MN), Schatz (D-HI), Van Hollen (D-MD), Hassan (D-NH), Reed (D-RI), Kaine (D-VA), Smith (D-MN), Cortez Masto (D-NV), Murphy (D-CT), Carper (D-DE), Stabenow (D-MI), Kelly (D-AZ), Feinstein (D-CA), Hickenlooper (D-CO), Kaine (D-VA), Cantwell (D-WA), Sanders (I-VT), Shaheen (D-NH), Booker (D-NJ), Whitehouse (D-RI), and Durbin (D-IL).

The letter is available [here](#) and below.

An online version of this release is available [here](#).

Dear Mr. President:

Yesterday, the Supreme Court decided *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization*, which overturned *Roe v. Wade* and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* and held that the right to abortion is no longer protected by the Constitution. This decision eliminates nearly 50 years of settled law and allows states to curtail access to abortion in any circumstance beginning at the moment of conception. This is an unprecedented assault on women and the result of decades of activism by Republican extremists. We call on you to combat these attacks and take immediate action to use the full force of the federal government to protect access to abortion in the United States.

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Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,