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WisDems: Gov. Evers and AG Kaul defend reproductive health care access

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MADISON, Wis. — Today, Governor Tony Evers, AG Josh Kaul, and Legislative Democrats defended access to reproductive health care by introducing a bill to remove Wisconsin's centuries-old abortion ban. Should Roe v. Wade be overturned, this archaic law in Wisconsin would immediately ban all abortions, with no exceptions.

Gov. Evers has always fought for access to health care, including reproductive rights. Last year, the governor vetoed a set of bills, passed by Republicans in the Wisconsin Assembly, that would have jeopardized Wisconsinites' access to reproductive health care. Those bills were a part of a national effort to ban abortion and interfere with a person's ability to make their own health care decisions.

Attorney General Kaul has said his Department of Justice won't prosecute or investigate any alleged violations of the abortion ban should Roe be overturned and strongly supports the legislation proposed today — underscoring the importance of re-electing a Democratic governor and attorney general in Wisconsin this year.

Democratic Party of Wisconsin Chair Ben Wikler released the following statement:

"We applaud Governor Evers and Attorney General Kaul for defending Wisconsinites' freedom to make their own personal health care decisions. Abortion is health care, and everyone — regardless of race, income, insurance status, or zip code — deserves access to health care.

"Though abortion remains safe and legal in Wisconsin for now, this law shows just

how tenuous access to this essential care is. Wisconsin has seen an onslaught in attempts to pass restrictive abortion laws in recent years. If Roe v. Wade is overturned — and if Wisconsin doesn't have a Democratic governor and a Democratic AG to defend Wisconsinites' freedom to make their own health care decisions — Republicans would be able to enforce this draconian law, pass even more extreme health care bans, and strip Wisconsinites' access to reproductive health care. The stakes are high in 2022 — Governor Tony Evers is the last line of defense against Wisconsin Republicans' attacks on reproductive health care."