

WisDems: Kleefisch launches ad doubling down on extremist abortion stance

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MADISON, Wis. – Rebecca Kleefisch launched an ad this week doubling down “[unapologetically](#)” on her radical agenda for reproductive health care. Every Republican running for governor in Wisconsin [has staked out the most extreme position possible on this issue](#), all agreeing they would ban abortion in Wisconsin without any exceptions

Wisconsin has seen an onslaught of attempts to pass restrictive abortion laws in recent years. Though abortion remains safe and legal in our state for now, without a Democratic governor to block these attacks, Republicans would be able to pass draconian abortion laws.

As lieutenant governor, Kleefisch worked to pass [five bills limiting critical reproductive health care access](#) — and even agreed that survivors of rape should “[turn lemons into lemonade](#)” instead of being empowered to make their own, personal health care decisions. She also suggested that “[there is a way to have a more forcible rape.](#)”

Republicans’ [extreme agenda for our health care](#) could outlaw forms of contraception, jeopardize fertility treatments like IVF, and strip access to basic health care for tens of thousands of Wisconsinites, including cancer screenings, birth control, and STD testing and treatment.

“Rebecca Kleefisch’s agenda for our state would deeply harm people seeking reproductive health care,” said Democratic Party of Wisconsin Rapid Response Director Hannah Menchhoff. “Kleefisch will say or do anything to get elected,

including blocking Wisconsinites' access to health care and agreeing people who are raped should 'turn lemons to lemonade' — extreme doesn't even begin to cover it. With this 'unapologetic' ad, is Kleefisch saying that she stands by her past statements on abortion?"