

# WisDems: Wisconsin doctor blasts “Republicans’ decades-long assault on abortion rights”

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**MADISON, Wis.** – Today, Dr. Pierce M. Sherrill [penned an op-ed in The Cap Times](#) blasting “Republicans’ decades-long assault on abortion rights.”

**The Cap Times:** [Abortion ban has already caused a public health crisis](#)

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“After practicing medicine for 40 years, I can confidently say that there is no room for politicians in my exam room. Yet the Supreme Court has decided that a woman’s right to privacy and bodily integrity are not, after all, constitutionally protected rights.

“The decision to overturn Roe v. Wade goes against popular public opinion and the advice of medical professionals like myself. Abortion is health care, and now, because of Republicans’ decades-long assault on abortion rights, countless people across the country are going to die because they do not have access to safe and legal abortion. This decision from the Supreme Court has already sparked a public health crisis.

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“Every person deserves to make their own health care decisions. Gov. Tony Evers

has made an unwavering commitment to protecting abortion rights in our state and has even offered clemency to doctors who are prosecuted and convicted for performing abortions. Attorney General Josh Kaul has made clear state resources will not be diverted from critical priorities such as public safety to enforce a 19th-century abortion ban. All the while, Wisconsin's Democratic delegation, Sen. Tammy Baldwin and Reps. Kind, Moore and Pocan, have been on the frontlines of fighting for abortion rights at the federal level.

“Meanwhile, state Republicans are unrelenting in their attacks on abortion access, pushing to roll back the clock and criminalize people seeking health care and their doctors. In Congress, every Wisconsin Republican representative voted against the Women’s Health Protection Act, which would restore *Roe v. Wade* as law, and the Ensuring Access to Abortion Act, which would protect a person who travels to another state to get an abortion.

“These votes, while dangerous and disappointing, should come as no surprise to Wisconsinites based on Republicans’ rhetoric and anti-abortion records. In fact, as federal Republicans call for a national abortion ban, both House Republican leader Kevin McCarthy and Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell have voiced support for pushing federal legislation to ban abortions.

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“This November, abortion is on the ballot, and the stakes have never been higher. Republican politicians have made it clear that there is no limit to their siege on reproductive rights. To prevent a national abortion ban and fight to restore abortion access here in Wisconsin and across the country, we must elect Democrats up and down the ticket.”