

A Better Wisconsin Together: On first anniversary of devastating Dobbs decision, A Better Wisconsin Together Calls for immediate action to restore abortion rights

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MADISON, Wis. — One year ago, our constitutional right to abortion was taken from us as the extreme right-wing majority on the United States Supreme Court struck down *Roe v. Wade*, reverting Wisconsin back to a barbaric criminal abortion ban passed in 1849.

The near-total ban, which was unenforceable for five decades under the protections of *Roe v. Wade*, is now back in effect and puts politicians in charge of personal decisions about abortion while threatening doctors and nurses with felonies if they provide abortion care to patients. An overwhelming majority of Wisconsinites oppose the abortion ban, [according](#) to recent ballot referendums.

“For the past year, we have been living with fewer rights than we had 13 months ago, and millions of people are being denied essential health care and personal freedoms on a daily basis,” said Lucy Ripp, a spokesperson for A Better Wisconsin Together. “As we reflect on the one-year anniversary of the Supreme Court decision that set us back 50 years, A Better Wisconsin Together is calling for immediate action to restore abortion rights in Wisconsin and nation-wide.”

According to Ripp, state lawmakers can begin by repealing the wildly unpopular and inhumane 1849 abortion ban.

“Wisconsinites have made it clear that our state’s barbaric, 174-year-old criminal abortion ban must be repealed,” said Ripp. “Politicians have no place in our exam rooms, and elected officials have no business mandating decisions that ought to be made between a patient and their doctor.”

At the federal level, action can be taken to pass the following legislation:

- Women’s Health Protection Act;
- Freedom to Travel for Healthcare Act;
- Reproductive Health Travel Fund Act;
- Let Doctors Provide Reproductive Health Care Act;
- Right to Contraception Act

“No matter a person’s zip code, everybody deserves the freedom to make decisions about growing their families, and about what is best for their own bodies,” said Ripp. “Now that a full year has passed without *Roe v. Wade*, restoring abortion rights has never been more dire.”

You can reach your state and federal representatives at the phone numbers listed below to demand they take immediate action to restore abortion rights.

State lawmakers: 1-800-362-9472

Federal lawmakers: 202-224-3121