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Courage America: As U.S. marks one year without Roe, members of congress, elected officials, constituents call out anti-abortion extremism in congress

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — To mark the one year anniversary of the Supreme Court overturning Roe v. Wade, Courage for America hosted a series of virtual press calls in Arizona, Wisconsin, and Nebraska calling out Members of Congress for their anti-abortion extremism and urging members to sign on to the discharge petition bringing the Women's Health Protection Act of 2023 to a vote. Democratic Members of Congress, state elected officials, and constituents came together to hold Republican Members of Congress accountable for their dangerous and extreme stances on abortion–including those who are co-sponsoring a bill that would effectively ban abortion with no exception for rape, incest, or to save a woman's life. The bill would also ban birth control pills, IUDs, emergency contraception, IVF, and some cancer treatments.

Speakers on the calls included Rep. Ruben Gallego (AZ-03), Rep. Greg Stanton, (AZ-04), Planned Parenthood Advocates of Arizona's Kelley Dupps, and Honest Arizona's Andrea Moreno in Arizona; Senators Machaela Cavanaugh and John Cavanaugh, and constituent Angela Montalvo in Nebraska in Nebraska; and Rep. Gwen Moore (WI-04), 9to5 Wisconsin's Christina Thor, and Opportunity Wisconsin's Meghan Roe in Wisconsin. Republican members in each respective states' delegation were told to stop obstructing abortion rights and sign onto the discharge petition to allow the full House to vote on codifying Roe.

The press calls earned coverage across the country, including:

A story in the Arizona Republic discussed opposition to the overturning of Roe v. Wade by Reps. Greg Stanton and Ruben Gallego.

In a news conference call, Democratic Reps. Ruben Gallego and Greg Stanton discussed the continuing political ramifications of Dobbs, as well as actions that the House could take to protect abortion rights now and in the future. Planned Parenthood Advocates of Arizona as well as the left-leaning campaign and organization Courage for America and Honest Arizona hosted the call.

A story in the Omaha World-Herald highlighted the shaky ground that abortion rights stand on in Nebraska. It also featured quotes from Senators Machaela and John Cavanaugh.

State Sens. John and Machaela Cavanaugh of Omaha, along with other abortion rights supporters, called on GOP members of the House of Representatives on Friday to support efforts to codify Roe into law in Congress. John Cavanaugh said the high court's ruling has made it difficult for women to know what care they can receive, and for medical professionals to know what care they can provide, setting a "chilling effect" on women's health care.

A story in Wispolitics shared video of the Courage for America press call and highlighted the anti-abortion stances of many in the Wisconsin congressional delegation.

Courage for America hosted a virtual press call ahead of the first anniversary of the Supreme Court's extreme decision overturning Roe v. Wade. United States Representative Gwen Moore, Christina Thor, 9to5 Wisconsin State Director, and Meghan Roh, Opportunity Wisconsin Program Director, urged GOP House members to support efforts to codify Roe and end support for extreme anti-abortion measures.

To learn more about the week of action or for additional questions and commentary, please contact press@courageforamerica.org.