

# Rep. Ratcliff: Joins Democratic colleagues to reintroduce legislation to restore Roe in Wisconsin

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**(Madison)** – Today, Representative Melissa Ratcliff (D – Cottage Grove) joined her Democratic colleagues to introduce the Restore Roe Act, which would repeal Wisconsin’s criminal abortion ban passed in 1849 and restore access to abortion in the state. The pre-Civil war ban is the oldest in the nation, enacted well before women gained the right to vote.

Representative Melissa Ratcliff released the following statement:

“Wisconsinites overwhelmingly support safe, legal access to abortion. Everyone deserves high-quality health care and the freedom to make their own health care decisions without political interference. That is why it is so important we repeal Wisconsin’s criminal abortion ban passed in 1849 and restore access to abortion in the state. Every day we do not act, life-saving care is denied, suffering and heartbreak occur, and lives are lost. Abortion is healthcare. It is long past time that we return to treating it as such.”