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Sen. Larson urges swift passage of Abortion Rights Preservation Act

Milwaukee, WI – “January 22 marks the 48th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, the landmark Supreme Court decision which ensured that women across the nation could not be denied the right to a safe and legal abortion. Almost five decades after the right to choose became constitutionally protected, Wisconsin still has a law on the books that makes it a felony for a doctor to provide abortion care. Even worse, there are no exceptions to this backwards 1849 law for cases of rape, incest, or life-threatening medical emergency.

“With a High Court that currently has a 6-3 right-wing majority, it is now more likely than ever that abortion protections will be stricken down at the federal level, leaving states to make their own policies regarding women’s health. Today’s introduced legislation by Senator Roys, Representative Subeck, and several of my Democratic colleagues, makes a simple but deeply necessary change to repeal Wisconsin’s draconian abortion ban.

“It is no man’s right to force a woman to have a child against her will. It is not the role of the state to come between a woman and her doctor when it comes to providing routine medical care. I call on leadership in both houses of the legislature to bring this humane, common-sense legislation to a vote as soon as possible.

“The 2021 session boasts the highest number of women in the legislature in Wisconsin’s history. Now more than ever, it’s time to acknowledge that women know what’s best for them and their bodies, and our laws must be amended to reflect that. The Abortion Rights Preservation Act is a great place to start.”

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