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Roe v. Wade is Under Direct Attack **Women's Abortion Access in Wisconsin at Risk**

Madison – Today, the United States Supreme Court announced it will grant review of Mississippi's case challenging the state's 15-week abortion ban by taking up *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*. The Supreme Court, now controlled by a 6-3 conservative majority thanks to GOP court-packing schemes, will hear the case after the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals struck down Mississippi's ban as unconstitutional in December 2019.

This case will have a direct impact on Wisconsinites because our state never repealed an archaic 1849 law that criminalizes abortion. Wisconsin's 172 year old law is unenforceable right now because of *Roe v. Wade*.

"This is an emergency for Wisconsinites' reproductive justice. For nearly 50 years, Wisconsinites have been able to determine our own futures, thanks to the reproductive freedom guaranteed by Roe v. Wade. We knew that Roe would be threatened due to Trump's installation of 3 ultra-conservative justices.

"Should Roe v. Wade fall, Wisconsin's women will be living in 1849, when assisting someone in obtaining abortion was a crime.

"Wisconsin must act now to repeal this archaic law, by passing Abortion Rights Preservation Actⁱ. Rep. Lisa Subeck and I introduced this bill in January because we knew this dark day was coming. Republican leadership in the Senate and Assembly have been delaying this bill, but Wisconsin women need this legislation passed immediately, before our rights and freedoms are taken away by the Supreme Court."

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ⁱ Senate Bill 75/ Assembly Bill 106