

Monroe County Democratic Party's statement on the overturning of Roe v. Wade

BLOOMINGTON, Indiana — Today the U.S. Supreme Court turned the clock back and turned its back on our Constitution's guarantees of liberty and equality. The Monroe County Democratic Party joins Justices Sotomayor, Kagan and Breyer in "sorrow — for this Court, but more, for the many millions of American women who have today lost a fundamental constitutional protection."

"The Supreme Court's Dobbs decision is not about preserving lives — it is about controlling them. It undermines all American aspirations of equality, justice and freedom," said State Senator Shelli Yoder (D-Bloomington).

The decision in Dobbs not only strips pregnant people of bodily autonomy in the United States and enables the state to force people to give birth, but also throws into doubt many of the equal protections that generations of people worked so hard to secure. Birth control, marriage equality, sexual privacy, and healthcare are all endangered by the sweeping decision today.

"Even though we knew this day was coming, it's still a punch in the gut," said MCDP Secretary Ashley Pirani. "While the ramifications will be felt by all persons with a uterus, the impacts will be greatest in our marginalized communities."

This battle for reproductive justice and equality must include a recognition of and commitment to dismantle the intersectional forms of oppression across racial, economic, and social lines that weave together to threaten us all and are placing our democracy at risk.

"In this dark moment, we must join together in solidarity to support each other and our communities in the fight for equality," said MCDP Vice Chair Shruti Rana.

The Monroe County Democratic Party calls upon all elected Democrats to support reproductive justice at all levels and asks voters to bring their power to the ballot box in support of the candidates who will support fundamental rights.

"The bottom line is most Americans and Hoosiers support the fundamental right to privacy and reproductive rights," said MCDP Chair David G. Henry. "Now is not the time to give up. Volunteer. Support pro-choice candidates. Vote. We Hoosiers have not yet begun to fight."