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Dear Mr. Wood:

This letter is our final response to your Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (CDC/ATSDR) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of December 13, 2022, assigned #23-01859-FOIA, for:

All final formal or informal assessments, reports, analyses, recommendations, or guidance (including memoranda and other written products) prepared by your office or otherwise provided to your agency by other offices or independent experts, regarding any projected or actual public health impacts of potential or actual new state abortion restrictions affected by the U.S. Supreme Court decision in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization.

We located 19 pages of responsive records. After a careful review of these pages, no information was withheld from release.

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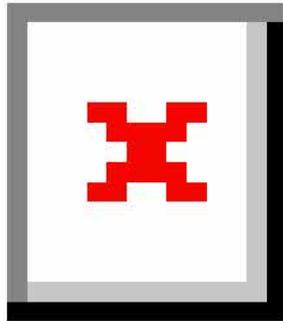
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June 24, 2022

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Today, President Biden announced actions that his Administration is taking to protect women who will face the grave consequences of today's Supreme Court decision. This decision expressly took away a Constitutional right from the American people that it had recognized fo

nearly 50 years – a woman’s right to choose, free from government interference.

This decision will have devastating consequences in the lives of women around the country.

The President made clear that the only way to secure a woman’s right to choose is for Congress to restore the protections of *Roe* as federal law. Until then, he has announced two actions the Administration is taking to protect women.

Protecting the Right to Seek Medical Care

As the [Attorney General made clear](#), women must remain free to travel safely to another state seek the care they need.

A person has the right to travel between states for whatever reason they want – it is no one else’s business – especially the government’s. If a woman lives in a state that restricts abortion, the Supreme Court’s decision does not prevent her from traveling from her home to a state that allows it.

If any state or local official tries to interfere with women exercising this basic right, the Biden Administration will fight that deeply un-American attack.

Protecting Access to Medication

The President directed the Secretary of Health and Human Services to protect women’s access to critical medications for reproductive health care that are approved by the Food and Drug Administration—including essential preventive health care like contraception and medication abortion.

More than 20 years ago, the FDA approved mifepristone to safely end an early pregnancy; this drug is also commonly used to treat miscarriages. The American Medical Association and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists wrote to President Biden and Vice President Harris, asking the federal government to protect access to this care. In the face of threats from state officials saying they will try to ban or severely restrict access to medication abortion, the President directed the Secretary of Health and Human Services to identify all ways to ensure that mifepristone is as widely accessible as possible in light of the FDA’s determination that the drug is safe and effective—including when prescribed through telehealth and sent by mail.

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Women's Community Update

Friends - Today, GQ Magazine published an interview featuring Second Gentleman Douglas Emhoff on the importance of protecting access to reproductive health care and abortion. In the wake of the Supreme Court decision, overturning Roe v. Wade, the Second Gentleman encourages men to join him in supporting and advancing reproductive freedom. He also highlights the need for pay equity, and increased access to child care and family leave.

The article and an excerpt featuring the Second Gentleman can be found below, along with social media.

Interview:

GQ Magazine: [“We Believe That Access to Abortion Is a Basic Human Right”](#)

“My 81-year-old mother is somehow going to enjoy more reproductive freedom for the majority of her life than my daughter.”

By Douglas Emhoff

This is one of the only times in our history that a fundamental, well-established right has been taken away by an activist court. It's just completely inappropriate on so many levels. It has angered me from the time the draft opinion came out. I'm trying to channel this anger into action, but the first thing I thought about was my daughter Ella, who's 23, and her grandmother Barbara, who's 81. Think about it: My 81-year-old mother is somehow going to enjoy more reproductive freedom for the majority of her life than my daughter. That's just not okay. And I'm going to do everything I can for as long as I can to make sure that gets rectified.

Now that I'm in this position, I have a microphone and I have access to talk to some folks. I've spoken with doctors and leaders in the medical profession, and you realize it's not just about abortion, it's about health care in general. Because of the absurdity of this Dobbs decision, it has wreaked havoc on the medical profession. You've got doctors with women on operating tables having to call risk management or a lawyer or an insurance company before they can move forward with lifesaving care. It's just completely, completely inappropriate.

My wife, the vice president, was on Air Force Two flying to an event when the news hit. She was able to watch it and she was able to call me. She said something like, "Dougie, they actually did it." And I gotta tell you something, she was incensed. Almost immediately after, I got a text from my daughter, who was also outraged, that said, "Dad, you need to do something about this." I just want to channel the rage that they're feeling and the rage that I'm feeling into action. Not only as a lawyer and as second gentleman, but as a dad and as a husband, as a son, as a brother, for all the very important women in my life.

I think by and large, it's a topic men just don't like to think about or talk about. But even more importantly, many men don't believe it's an issue for men. They think it's just a quote-unquote women's issue. And I couldn't disagree more. It's one of the things I really try to get out there and advocate for. Not only abortion, but a lot of issues that men traditionally wouldn't think impact them: whether it's pay equity, childcare, or family leave. They're human issues. They're American issues. They're issues that men need to care about because everything is related. Everything impacts something else. Lastly, it's the right thing to do. We just need to support each other.

Douglas Emhoff is a lawyer and, as the husband of vice president Kamala Harris, the second gentleman of the United States.

Social Media:

<https://twitter.com/GQMagazine/status/1575462900902133762>

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May 3, 2022

Statement by President Joe Biden

We do not know whether this draft is genuine, or whether it reflects the final decision of the Court.

With that critical caveat, I want to be clear on three points about the cases before the Supreme Court.

First, my administration argued strongly before the Court in defense of *Roe v. Wade*. We said that *Roe* is based on “a long line of precedent recognizing ‘the Fourteenth Amendment’s concept of personal liberty’... against government interference with intensely personal decisions.” I believe that a woman’s right to choose is fundamental, *Roe* has been the law of the land for almost fifty years, and basic fairness and the stability of our law demand that it not be overturned.

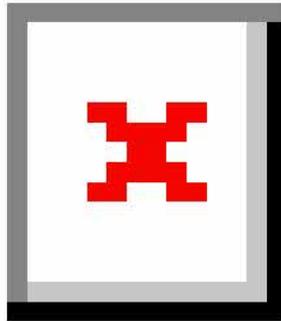
Second, shortly after the enactment of Texas law SB 8 and other laws restricting women’s reproductive rights, I directed my Gender Policy Council and White House Counsel’s Office to prepare options for an Administration response to the continued attack on abortion and reproductive rights, under a variety of possible outcomes in the cases pending before the Supreme Court. We will be ready when any ruling is issued.

Third, if the Court does overturn *Roe*, it will fall on our nation's elected officials at all levels of government to protect a woman's right to choose. And it will fall on voters to elect pro-choice officials this November. At the federal level, we will need more pro-choice Senators and a pro-choice majority in the House to adopt legislation that codifies *Roe*, which I will work to pass and sign into law.

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