

For immediate release: May 3, 2022
Contact: Aaliyah Bailey: 636-345-7661
Aaliyah@prochoicemissouri.org

Supreme Court to Overturn Roe v Wade: On the front lines Pro-Choice Missouri will Never Stop Fighting

(St. Louis, MO) – The following is a statement from Executive Director Mallory Schwarz, on behalf of Pro-Choice Missouri, in response to the leaked draft of a Supreme Court ruling in *Dobbs v. Jackson*. In 2019, the Missouri state legislature passed a “trigger law” that will automatically enact a complete ban on abortion in the event of a Supreme Court decision that overturns *Roe v. Wade*.

“Last night, Justice Alito’s leaked opinion confirmed our worst fears: They will overturn *Roe v. Wade* and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* without regard for the dignity, health, safety, or even lives of pregnant people. We anticipate this ruling, as all abortion restrictions and bans before it, will have an immediate and devastating impact, particularly among those most at risk: Black people, people of color, people surviving economic insecurity, trans people, immigrants, youth, and people with disabilities.

Even as we prepare for the reality of *Roe v. Wade* being overturned, we are all too aware that *Roe* has never been enough. Abortion has been inaccessible in Missouri for years. As a result, thousands of pregnant people are forced to travel out of Missouri to access abortion, and many have been denied access to needed healthcare.

Extremists in our state and across the country will not stop at overturning *Roe*. In pursuit of extreme personal religious and white supremacist ideologies, their next step will be to criminalize pregnant people and those who support them. With nine days left in the Missouri legislative session, anti-abortion lawmakers are committed to passing HB2012, a dangerous package of abortion bans that would threaten Missourians with 5-30 years in prison for supporting abortion access. **We know Black people and other people of color are already overpoliced, and new and existing bans create new avenues for policing people based on their pregnancy outcomes.** In the last year, pregnant people in neighboring states Oklahoma and Texas have already been jailed for experience a miscarriage or seeking abortion.

We may not have the votes on our side to stop these attacks in Missouri in Missouri, but we have something much more important: **The majority of Missourians do not support bans on abortion and we will continue to stand with them no matter what.”**

###

[Pro-Choice Missouri](#) is the leading grassroots pro-abortion advocacy organization in Missouri, and we believe that every person should be able to make personal decisions about the full range of sexual and reproductive health options.