

Action Alert

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From the Desk of NFDW President Gail Buckner

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ROE V WADE

The Republican-leaning U.S. Supreme Court has struck down Roe v Wade. The majority's action isn't a surprise, nevertheless, it is still riveting and painful. Women's health care will be critically impacted, and women will die because of the Supreme Court's cruel, vicious, deceitful, and wrong decision. The New North Carolina Project has put this into perspective:

"Disproportionately affecting our Black, Brown, Latinx, Indigenous, and Asian communities, this decision is a step back from the equality we seek to create every day.

Historic and ongoing disparities and access to quality health care plague our communities of color. Black women are three times more likely to die of maternal complications than white women. Hispanic women are more likely to experience health complications during pregnancy and childbirth than white women, and across the board, communities of color receive lower-quality health care."

NFDW is a partner with the ERA Coalition and this is part of that organization's statement:

"Today is truly a turning point for the civil rights of everyone in this country. Upending established precedent and mounting one of the most damaging assaults on our constitutional rights in nearly 50 years makes us all less in control of our bodies. This decision is unjust and diminishes us all. We will not have full equality in this country until every person truly has the right to control their body and, in turn, participate fully and equally in our society, politics, and economy."

The Supreme Court's incredibly harmful decision is a clarion call to Democrats everywhere. We must step up our efforts to elect Democrats in November. All hands-on deck and all boots on the ground are what Democrats must deliver, and that work begins now.

NFDW just finished our 51st Annual Meeting, and in an election year, we now turn our attention to our states where our members work hard and smart to get Democratic voters to the polls. Make this your highest priority. As we noted during our annual meeting, it is "Time for Good Trouble, Necessary Trouble."

Rest assured that lives are at stake in this election. We must get our Democratic voters to the polls.

Best regards,

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