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Greetings –

The Supreme Court’s decision today to overturn Roe v. Wade is devastating despite it not being unexpected. The Court had no business overturning fifty years of precedent. This is bad law and the essence of judicial activism. Privacy in making one’s own medical choices is deeply rooted in our constitution. Not only will millions of women lose the right to control their bodies and healthcare decisions, but this decision marks a broader assault on civil liberties.

New York State has been in the forefront of fighting back against the rising authoritarianism that would deny women reproductive rights. In 2019, I was proud to cosponsor and pass the Reproductive Health Act, which codified Roe v. Wade protections into State law. I was also proud to cosponsor and see passed at the end of the recently concluded legislative session a package of bills that will ensure that health care providers can provide safe, legal abortions in our state without fear of legal repercussions and help make New York a safe haven for individuals from other states seeking abortion care.

Now Governor Hochul must call an extraordinary session of the legislature immediately so we can act to further protect and expand abortion rights including through the passage of the [Reproductive Freedom and Equity Program Act \(A.10148/S.9078\)](#) and the [Equality Amendment \(A.10468-A/S.8797-A\)](#), which would amend the state’s constitution to ban discrimination based on gender, ethnicity, pregnancy status, disability status and sexual orientation and protect a person’s right to access reproductive health care, including abortion.

This is going to be a long and difficult fight and sustained action will be needed not just on the legislative front but also in the streets. [Planned Parenthood is organizing events throughout the State this evening including in New York City.](#)

This is a dark day, but I will continue to stand with all of you and fight to protect reproductive rights in New York and across the country.

-Bobby

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