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STONEWALL DALLAS CONDEMNS TEXAS SUPREME COURT RULING UPHOLDING RESTRICTIVE ABORTION BAN

DALLAS, TX (March 15, 2022) —  The last, best hope of reproductive freedom activists was rejected by the Texas Supreme Court last Friday. The court ruled that suits brought by the U.S. Justice Department against the state are invalid because state officials, such as licensing officials, have no role in enforcing the law. Stonewall Democrats of Dallas strongly condemns this ruling because the decision raises real concern as to the future of the popular Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision on reproductive rights nationwide.

“What we have seen gain momentum across the country began right here in Texas -- an effort by radical Republicans to roll back reproductive health care, unravel popular policy nationwide through state legislatures and the courts, and ultimately stoke confusion and chaos in our healthcare system,” said Todd Hill, President of Stonewall Democrats of Dallas. “This will remain the norm for Texans under decades of Republican rule if we don’t change things electorally in November.”

Based on the unanimous decision by the Republican-controlled Texas Supreme Court, an unconstitutional ban on abortion after six weeks continues unchecked in the state of Texas. The court essentially allows the state to nullify a U.S. constitutional protection. The waterfall impact to reproductive policy will be felt nationally. Also, the legal precedent on how this decision might impact Obergefell v. Hodges or same-sex marriage should be an area of grave concern to the LGBTQ+ community. The remaining remedy to reverse the trend of Texas backsliding into the 19th century is to elect Democrats in November’s election.

Stonewall Democrats of Dallas was founded in 1996 by local activists. Our membership numbers in the hundreds including former and current elected officials. We are one of the largest political organizations in Dallas County and one of the largest chapters of Stonewall Democrats in the United States.

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