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**Statement by Katie Dean on Roe v Wade**

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This week, the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) refused to block a Texas law banning most abortions in the state. It is the nation's most significant assault on abortion rights since the court announced its landmark 1973 Roe v. Wade decision guaranteeing women a constitutional right to abortion.

The Texas law evades federal court review by allowing private citizens to act as vigilantes and bring lawsuits in state court against anyone involved in an abortion, other than the patient. The lawsuits can result in a \$10,000 award for the plaintiff.

Katie Dean, a Democratic candidate for the 11<sup>th</sup> District U.S. House seat in Western Carolina, released the following statement in the wake of the SCOTUS decision:

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“Let me be as clear, crisp, and concise as possible: The government has no business in utero.

“For the overwhelmingly male Texas Legislature and Governor Abbott to pass and sign this anarchic legislation is an outrage, and SCOTUS is setting a dangerous precedent.

“A woman's reproductive decision lies firmly with the woman, her physician, and her beliefs. Congress must codify Roe v Wade.

“I call on my fellow candidates for the 11<sup>th</sup> District U.S. House seat to join me in objecting to this law, the SCOTUS decision, and similar laws now being proposed across the United States.

“As Democrats, we cannot waiver on these basic principles surrounding our constitutional rights.”

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