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Majority Leader Julie Fahey Denounces Supreme Court Draft Opinion Overturning *Roe v Wade*

SALEM, Ore. - Today Oregon [House Majority Leader Julie Fahey](#) (D-West Eugene/Junction City) releases the following statement in response to [media reports](#) of the Supreme Court's draft opinion overturning *Roe v Wade*:

"This draft opinion by the Supreme Court goes against nearly 50 years of legal precedent. All Americans should have the freedom to decide if and when they have children, based on what's best for them and their family's circumstances. Access to abortion shouldn't depend on who you are or where you live.

"That's why, after the election of Donald Trump, Oregon Democrats took action and passed the Reproductive Health Equity Act (RHEA) in 2017. I was proud to be a chief sponsor of RHEA, which codified the right to an abortion in state law and made the full range of reproductive health care more affordable and accessible for all Oregonians. And this year, in preparation for the possibility of a post-*Roe* America, the legislature established the Oregon Reproductive Health Equity Fund, a \$15 million dollar investment in abortion access which will expand provider capacity across the state and support those seeking abortion care in Oregon.

"To be clear, abortion is still legal, and in Oregon we will continue to be committed to reproductive freedom—no matter what decision the Supreme Court makes. I now call on Congress to join Oregon and codify *Roe v Wade* into federal law. As elected leaders we have a responsibility to do everything in our power to protect this fundamental right."

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