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House Majority Leader Smith Warner Condemns Texas Abortion Ban

SALEM, OR - Today House Majority Leader [Barbara Smith Warner](#) (D-Portland) makes a statement following last night's passage of SB 8, a Texas law that bans abortion after six weeks, when many people are just finding out they are pregnant:

"Oregon is the only state with no limits whatsoever on abortion, because abortion is health care. What is happening in Texas with SB 8 is critical to every Oregonian, because an assault on reproductive rights anywhere is an assault on reproductive rights everywhere.

"Across the country, we are seeing attacks on basic human rights and our democracy. From [banning books in schools](#) to [Jim Crow era voting laws](#) and attempts to overthrow democratically elected governments here in [Oregon](#) and in D.C., we are up against anti-democratic forces who will stop at nothing to implement their radical, white nationalist, misogynist agenda.

"SB 8 allows anyone, including people outside of Texas, to harass and sue any Texan they believe to have had an abortion or helped others receive abortion care, including health care workers, friends, and families. This punitive law incentivizes radical anti-abortion extremists and will only worsen [existing violence](#) against clinics and patients seeking out reproductive health care.

"Despite Roe v. Wade being settled law for almost 50 years, we continue to see ongoing attacks by the Republican Party to end abortion care. These bans disproportionately harm low-income, Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) communities and other marginalized groups who lack the resources to seek care outside the state.

"It is clear the Republican Party cares little about the rule of law, having pushed through three illegitimate Supreme Court Justices who share their radical beliefs. The Court's failure to uphold Constitutional precedent is a clear, present and dangerous sign of what is to come. We must act now or face even more dire consequences.

"I call on all leaders, especially at the federal level, who have the power to protect abortion rights for every American, to take a stand and do what is right."

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