

*Model State Letters
to the Editor*

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Draft #1

One might think that 45 years after a constitutional right is announced, that policy would be settled. But as we mark the 45th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, the fundamental freedom to choose a safe, legal abortion is still under attack.

In state after state, opponents have enacted hundreds of laws attempting to narrow, restrict or abolish abortion rights. These laws would punish a woman for deciding what's best for her.

So I am glad to see LAWMAKER X introduce legislation as part of a nationwide campaign across XX states to uphold women's rights under *Roe v. Wade*.

With the continued onslaught of anti-abortion legislation at every level, it is of utmost importance that progressives lean even further into advancing the discourse to ensuring that women's right to choose is protected.

Draft #2

Despite being the law of the land for the past 45 years, lawmakers at every level of government, including some of my colleagues in our statehouse, continue to chip away at the fundamental right to abortion.

It is not right for politicians to interfere with a woman's decision on whether or not to start a family and once she has made her decision, politicians should not make obtaining abortion care more difficult.

For these reasons, I am introducing [insert bill] that ensures access to abortion care for all women in the XX state.

I am also calling for all my colleagues to stand up for this fundamental right and #ProtectRoe by supporting my legislation.

We are not alone, standing up for abortion care: elected officials across the country in XX states are introducing legislation to #ProtectRoe.

Draft #3

On this 45th anniversary of the landmark Supreme Court decision *Roe v. Wade*, we face the daunting prospect of an anti-choice executive branch pushing the judiciary into the same realm, as well as conservatives in Congress, all intent on taking women's rights back to 1972, come hell or high water.

Poll after poll shows a clear majority of us do not want to see the Supreme Court overturn its landmark decision in *Roe v. Wade*. Reversing *Roe* would return our country to a time where women were not trusted to make their own medical decisions and too many died as a result.

A Supreme Court decision overturning *Roe* would not by itself make abortion illegal in the United States. Instead, a reversal of *Roe* would remove federal constitutional protection and [give the states full power](#) to set abortion policy.

If *Roe* was overturned, many states have laws on the books that might automatically criminalize all abortions, called trigger laws. A recent nationwide effort by progressive state legislators seeks to prevent just that from happening.

The introduction of legislation like [insert bill name] in the [insert state name] legislature, by [insert legislator name] does just that, proactively upholding a women's right to choose, should the decision be overturned at the federal level and bring about the dreaded trigger laws.

This nationwide introduction will hopefully let the anti-abortion zealots know that we refuse to go back to the days of back alley abortions. Abortion is healthcare and should be treated as such, not as a football to gain political points.