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**[State] lawmakers join nationwide effort to protect *Roe v. Wade***

**[Location]** – To mark the 45th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, the Supreme Court decision that protects the right to abortion, [insert sponsor names] introduced [insert bill name] to ensure that in the event the decision is overturned, abortion will remain legal in [state name]. The effort is part of a nationwide campaign by lawmakers in XX states to protect *Roe* through state legislation.

“If *Roe* is reversed, the legality of abortion is left up to the states and, at present, only seventeen states affirmatively protect the right to abortion. That’s why [state] needs to act now,” explained [XXXXX XXXXX].

“The decision about whether or when to become a parent is a deeply personal and private matter. This legislation is intended to guarantee the freedom of those involved to make their own decisions,” said [XXXXX XXXXX].

Ironically, the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of *Roe* occurs under the 45<sup>th</sup> President, an ardent opponent of that constitutional protection. As a result, *Roe*—and all abortion rights—are threatened as never before. Donald Trump has promised to appoint Supreme Court justices who will overturn *Roe v. Wade*, he has already made one such appointment, and the nation is only one justice’s death or retirement away from an unprecedented ruling to rollback a bedrock constitutional right.

State Senator XXXXX XXXXX said: “We have fought for 45 years to protect the right to abortion under *Roe*, and we are ready to fight another 45.”

State Representative XXXXX XXXXX, noted that “Every poll finds that about 70 percent of voters believe *Roe v. Wade* should be upheld. If the courts won’t do it, we will.”

State Senator XXXXX XXXXX declared: “Once a woman has decided to have an abortion, she should have the access to do so without fear of being punished.”

The nationwide campaign to protect *Roe* is being coordinated by the [Public Leadership Institute](#), a nonpartisan organization based in Washington, D.C.

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