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Vermont Health Care Organizations Support Reproductive Access in Light of Supreme Court Opinion

MONTPELIER – June 24, 2022 – A diverse coalition of Vermont health care organizations denounces the Supreme Court opinion which overturns both *Roe v. Wade* and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*. We strongly support the preservation of access to abortion services in the United States.

Every person should have the right to control their own health care decisions, including the right to abortion care. As health care organizations, we strongly believe that abortion services should be treated like any other health care service. The consequences of overturning *Roe v. Wade* will block millions of people from the health care they need, especially those who have less ability to take time from work or pay the expenses to travel.

We are proud of Vermont's achievement in 2019 putting into law protection for Vermonters' access to safe, legal abortion, and want Vermonters to know that they still will have access to abortion services here in Vermont. But we know there is more work to be done. With more and more states blocking individuals' rights to health care and in light of the Supreme Court opinion, we urge Vermonters to vote in November to support Article 22, the Reproductive Liberty Amendment that will amend the Constitution of the State of Vermont to ensure that every Vermonter's right to personal reproductive liberty is protected into the future.

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