



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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Mr. Erik Williams
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Williams,

Thank you for writing to me. In overturning *Roe v. Wade*, the Supreme Court has taken away a constitutional right from the American people to make the most intimate decisions about their health care and families without government interference. Now, fundamental rights to privacy, autonomy, freedom, and equality have been denied to millions of women across the country, with grave implications for their health, lives, and well-being.

What we're witnessing is a giant step backward in much of our country, but let me be clear: Access to reproductive care is health care. Vice President Harris and I will fight for the freedom of all people to build their own future and determine their own destiny.

That's why I signed an Executive Order that safeguards access to reproductive health care services such as medication abortion and contraception and ensures emergency medical care. It also protects the privacy of patients and their access to accurate information and promotes the safety and security of everyone who seeks and provides health care services. Finally, this Executive Order makes sure that the entire Federal Government is coordinated in our efforts to protect reproductive rights and access to health care across America.

The Supreme Court and its allies are committed to moving America backward with fewer rights, less autonomy, and politicians invading the most personal of decisions. This decision affects everyone, and the American people must continue to demand that Congress enshrine the protections of *Roe v. Wade* into federal law. I believe Congress should do so with a simple majority vote, but if Congress lacks the votes to do that now, you need to make your voices heard. Our daughters and granddaughters deserve the same rights as their mothers and grandmothers.

This fight is not over. To find out more about your right to access reproductive health care, visit ReproductiveRights.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Biden", with a long, sweeping diagonal line extending from the bottom left towards the signature.