

Supervisor Solis' Statement on Supreme Court Ruling to End the Constitutional Right to Abortion

LOS ANGELES, CA - Today, Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda L. Solis released the following statement on the Supreme Court's ruling to end the constitutional right to abortion:

"It is impossible to put into words the emotions I am feeling right now. I am saddened. But I am also outraged.

50 years in the making—Republicans have succeeded in overturning *Roe v. Wade* and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*, eviscerating one's right to an abortion. While abortion will remain legal in California, they are now illegal in 26 states and the ramifications extend far beyond these states' borders.

This decision is an assault on people's freedom, one's bodily autonomy. And although this decision comes as no surprise, it is devastating. Pregnant people will die, families will suffer, and this is just the start.

Clarence Thomas' concurring opinion sets the stage for what's to come. They plan to overturn rulings that safeguard same-sex relationships, same-sex marriage, and contraception. The majority opinion, combined with Thomas' concurrence, is yet another tragic example of extremist viewpoints in our government controlling our lives. The Supreme Court is proving that its control over how we live is more important than Americans' autonomy, privacy, and safety.

But I want to be clear: Abortion is legal and safe in California, including Los Angeles County. To the millions who are angry with today's decision – I share in your unbelievable pain and your fury. And I stand with you, ready to fight back.

Abortion IS healthcare."

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