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### **NCCADV Statement on *Roe v. Wade* Draft Opinion**

At NCCADV, we know that the right to choice and access to abortion is essential to the safety and wellbeing of people with uteruses. Abortion is a crucial element of comprehensive reproductive healthcare. The logic of the draft opinion to overturn *Roe v. Wade* threatens the bodily autonomy and safety of all people, particularly those most marginalized. If *Roe* is overturned, abortion access will be severely restricted in 23 states, including North Carolina. Survivors and economically exploited individuals, overwhelmingly people of color, will suffer the greatest if this decision comes to pass.

Survivors of intimate partner violence and advocates know all too well that contraception, pregnancy, reproductive healthcare and abortion are often sites of control and abuse. Reproductive coercion is a common form of abuse that includes trying to get a person pregnant against their will, tampering with birth control, and controlling the outcome of a pregnancy, including forcing or coercing someone to carry a pregnancy to term. The right for all people to seek and choose comprehensive reproductive healthcare is necessary to minimize the lifelong impacts of reproductive coercion tactics. Limiting abortion access will prevent many survivors from escaping their abusers and, in some cases, will result in escalated violence and death.

As of this statement's release, *Roe v. Wade* still stands, and abortion is legal with varying restrictions across the United States. We encourage survivors and all individuals in need of an abortion to seek the care that they need.

#### **Abortion Access Resources:**

- [Click here](#) if you need support obtaining an abortion in North Carolina
- [Click here](#) to donate to the Carolina Abortion Fund
- [Click here](#) to learn more about training your staff on supporting clients in need of abortion care
- [Click here](#) to learn more about SisterSong's work to strengthen and amplify the collective voices of indigenous women and women of color to achieve reproductive justice.
- [Click here](#) to learn more about each State's abortion laws
- [Click here](#) to find an abortion provider in your area
- [Click here](#) to find abortion medication by mail
- [Click here](#) to donate to Free From's National Abortion Access Fund for Survivors