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Largest Statewide Physician Organization Reacts To Court Decision

The Maine Medical Association is steadfast in its position that all medical care, including the very personal and private decision of abortion, is best determined by individuals and their trusted physicians.

This Supreme Court decision means that going forward, access to an abortion will be strictly determined state-by-state. Thankfully, <u>Maine law is clear</u>: "It is the public policy of the State that the State not restrict a woman's exercise of her private decision to terminate a pregnancy before viability." We will vigorously oppose any future proposals that try eliminating that access or intrude into patient autonomy, privacy, the patient—physician relationship, or that unfairly impact minoritized populations.

Maine physicians spend every day face-to-face with real people and understand more than anyone the anxiety, fear, and differing personal circumstances of each patient, including the real-life public health impacts of pregnancy, childbirth, and parenting. We have historically and continually voiced opposition when elected or appointed government leaders overstep their roles by dictating access to medical treatments.

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