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Make It Work Nevada Statement on Supreme Court's Decision to Overturn Roe vs Wade

Today is a dark day for reproductive justice in our country. The Supreme Court has made the egregious decision to overturn Roe v Wade giving elected officials the power to legislate the bodies of birthing people.

The decision by the Supreme Court says the Constitution does not confer a right to abortion; however, the Constitution did not include the rights of women or Black people when it was written and we believe this does not make it solid ground to stand on. People will now be turning to dangerous healthcare options which will undoubtedly have detrimental outcomes including death.

Nevada has abortion protections and many will turn to our state for assistance. Although we welcome them with open and loving arms, we don't have nearly enough doctors to treat Nevada residents let alone the influx of people traveling to receive basic healthcare.

At one point in the 1970s, hospitals had entire floors dedicated to sepsis from botched back-alley abortions. Women died and didn't have to. Reproductive health rights were an afterthought to those people in power.

We are not leaving this world better than we found it for future generations. Although tragic, we're not surprised at the ruling, but we will continue to actively work to build the world we dream of, where the right to choose is a fundamental pillar of our civil, economic, and racial justice.

Make It Work Nevada is a local non-profit that works to organize Black women and women of color around economic issues such as affordable childcare, paid family leave, paid sick days and pay equity, in addition to racial and reproductive justice.

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