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Dear Members of Congress,

We celebrate the Supreme Court's decision in the Mississippi abortion case, *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*. After nearly 50 years of judicial fiat, Americans, through their elected representatives at the state and federal level, may now decide how to protect the unborn and support women and families.

As leaders in our respective states, we welcome this renewed pro-life responsibility and look forward to working alongside you to pursue every opportunity to save as many lives as possible. Many of us are proud that our state will soon move to implement life-affirming legislation whether by reinstating laws previously enjoined, activating laws passed in anticipation of this moment or enacting new laws.

Others of us are from states that lack the will to protect unborn children, choosing instead an extreme commitment to abortion. These states already account for 55% of abortions nationwide. Leaders of the most extreme states like California and New York have made sweeping declarations about their intention to become a "sanctuary" or "safe harbor" for the abortion industry as they profit at the expense of women and children. In fact, California is planning and legislating for a 3000% increase in the number of out-of-state abortions as the abortion industry targets women in life-affirming states that many of us represent.

Not to be outdone by these aggressively pro-abortion state politicians, the Biden administration is poised to respond to the Court's decision with disastrous policies. They have already taken steps to make abortion pills widely available through the mail and are making plans for abortion at federal facilities across the country.

This radical abortion agenda is out of step with the mainstream of America and enables the abortion industry operating out of "sanctuary states" to continue to prey upon women and babies throughout the country. As we applaud the landmark *Dobbs* decision, we look forward to working with you to build broad public support for important federal policies including gestational limits, addressing dangerous mail-order chemical abortion, maintaining longstanding laws like the Hyde Amendment and much more.

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