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Statement Regarding the Leaked U. S. Supreme Court Opinion Draft by Politico

Pro-Life Mississippi (PLM) celebrates the eventuality that the egregious and illogical decision of *Roe v*. *Wade* will be reversed by the U.S. Supreme Court. The draft opinion authored by Justice Samuel Alito aligns with the views of many voters, and certainly the majority of Mississippi voters, who believe abortion policy should be decided by each state.

"The U.S. Constitution does not include a right to abortion," said PLM president Laura Knight. "Overturning the *Roe* decision would return the abortion issue back to state legislatures where each state would be able to decide abortion policy for itself. In Mississippi, we will move quickly and decisively to protect the right to life at every stage of pregnancy. Other states may make different decisions. It's time to let the people decide this issue."

"Once the U.S. Supreme Court releases its official decision in the *Dobbs* case, we expect Mississippi's state legislature will convene in special session and pass strong protections to protect women and children in our state," continued Knight. "In Mississippi, the pro-life community, charities, churches and policymakers have all made great strides to prepare for a post-*Roe* era in which women are empowered and life is protected."

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