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Days before Roe v. Wade anniversary, leaders call for urgent action to protect access to abortion in light of pending U.S. Supreme Court decision.

MADISON — Gov. Tony Evers Thursday, together with Attorney General Josh Kaul, Planned Parenthood Advocates of Wisconsin and other reproductive healthcare advocates, State Sen. Kelda Roys (D-Madison), Rep. Lisa Subeck (D-Madison), and other Democratic lawmakers, called on the Legislature to defend access to reproductive healthcare in Wisconsin by passing <u>Senate Bill (SB) 75</u>

. The push comes just days before the 49th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's landmark decision in

Roe v. Wade

—a ruling establishing a right to abortion in the U.S.—and as the court considers a case that could gut the decades old decision and curtail abortion access in Wisconsin and other states across the country.

The Supreme Court heard oral arguments in December regarding a Mississippi law prohibiting abortions at 15 weeks without exceptions for rape or incest, in direct conflict with the court's previous rulings in Roe, among other reproductive health related decisions. A decision from the court is expected in summer of 2022. Wisconsin is among several states across the country with existing criminal statutes that prohibit nearly all abortions—laws that preceded the Roe decision and were never removed from state statutes. In the event the Supreme Court overturns Roe, Wisconsin's criminal statutes could go back into effect unless the law is repealed before then.

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