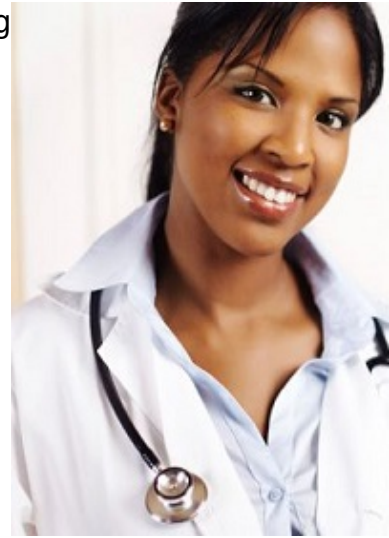


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Days before Roe v. Wade anniversary, leaders call for urgent action to protect access to abortion in light of pending U.S. Supreme Court decision.

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 [Senate Bill \(SB\) 75](#)

. 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the event the Supreme Court overturns *Roe*, Wisconsin's criminal statutes could go back into effect unless the law is repealed before then.

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