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## **TAKE ACTION TO SAVE ROE:**

### **Oppose Judge Amy Coney Barrett's Nomination to the Supreme Court**

With the death of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, the American people lost a champion for gender equality and reproductive rights. President Trump's nominee to replace her, Judge Amy Coney Barrett, **has the most extreme anti-reproductive rights record of any Supreme Court nominee since the rejected nomination of Judge Robert Bork over 30 years ago.**

Reproductive rights should not be open for debate. The ability to make these highly personal decisions is central to a person's dignity and liberty and to gender equality. [Take action today to make your voice heard about why Judge Barrett's nomination must not proceed.](#)

#### **PRESIDENT TRUMP'S NOMINEE: JUDGE AMY CONEY BARRETT**

President Trump has made reversing *Roe v. Wade* a litmus test for his Supreme Court nominees. Judge Barrett's record supports that test. Her approach to constitutional interpretation, opinions as a federal appellate judge, and vitriolic public advocacy disparaging contraception, opposing abortion, and defending "the right to life from fertilization" lay bare a deep disagreement with the established constitutional protections for reproductive rights. **Indeed, Judge Barrett has the most extreme record in opposition to reproductive rights as any Supreme Court nominee since the rejected nomination of Judge Robert Bork over 30 years ago.**

Moreover, Judge Barrett has criticized the Supreme Court's decisions upholding key provisions of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), which has expanded reproductive health insurance coverage to millions, including affordable contraceptive and maternity care. This is especially troubling, as the Supreme Court will be hearing the next challenge to the ACA just one week after the November election.

[Read the Center for Reproductive Rights' full report of Judge Amy Coney Barrett's record on reproductive rights here.](#)

#### **WHAT CAN I DO TO STOP THIS NOMINATION AND HELP SAVE ROE?**

Senators need to hear directly from their constituents about why abortion rights and this nomination matters to you.

1. **Tell your Senators to vote NO** on Judge Barrett's confirmation and urge them to vocally stand up for reproductive rights and the ACA. [Click here](#) to send a message or call 202-224-3121.
2. **Share your story or viewpoint on why access to abortion is important to you** by publishing op-eds, letters to the editor, and social media posts. Use hashtags #WeDissent, #OurCourt, & #BlockBarrett.

#### **WHAT DO I SAY?**

Here are some message points for emails, letters and conversations:

- I urge the Senate to vote no on Judge Barrett's confirmation. Her judicial record and past statements show hostility to the right to abortion as well as to the Affordable Care Act.
- I am among the overwhelming majority of Americans who do not want to see *Roe v. Wade* overturned. This issue is important to me because \_\_\_\_\_.
- I want my Senators to stand up for reproductive rights. Overturning *Roe* would have real life impacts, especially for people already facing systemic barriers to care like Black and brown people, people with disabilities, people with low incomes, young people, those in rural areas, and anyone unable to travel out of state to seek access to abortion care.

## **THE STAKES OF THIS NOMINATION COULD NOT BE HIGHER:**

It is imperative that no nominee be confirmed who would overturn or gut the constitutional protections for abortion access. One in four women in the U.S. will make the decision that ending a pregnancy is the right decision for her. The overwhelming majority of Americans do not want to see *Roe* overturned or hollowed out into a meaningless shell. They understand, as has been articulated by the Court, that the Constitution guarantees to each person the right to make the “most basic decisions about family and parenthood” because these are “choices central to personal dignity and autonomy.”

Yet since the election of President Trump, states have accelerated their decades-long campaign to end abortion services. There are dozens of abortion rights cases currently moving through lower federal courts heading towards the Supreme Court, putting the future of *Roe* at risk.

**If *Roe* fell today, there are 24 states and three territories that could immediately act to prohibit abortion outright.** As in the days before *Roe*, the harm would fall hardest on people already facing systemic barriers to care: Black and brown people, people with disabilities, people with low incomes, young people, those in rural areas, and anyone unable to travel out of state to seek access to abortion care.

Overturning *Roe* would also undermine [other personal liberty rights](#) for millions of Americans. *Roe* is the foundation for a broad swath of constitutional law that protects our right to make decisions about marriage, procreation, contraception, family relationships, child-rearing and education, and more.

Access to abortion care is not the only right hanging in the balance with this nomination—health care at large and the rights of all is on the line as well. In a case the Supreme Court will hear on November 10, the President has asked the Court to end the Affordable Care Act, which has substantial protections for women’s health, including requiring that health insurance plans cover maternity care, provide contraception without a copay, do not charge women more for insurance premiums, and do not exclude coverage for pre-existing conditions, such as cesarean sections, domestic violence, or breast cancer. Millions of Americans are at risk of losing their health insurance in the middle of a pandemic.

**MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD:** Contact your Senators and urge them to vote no on Judge Barrett’s confirmation to the Supreme Court! [Click here](#) to send a message or call 202-224-3121.