



**A MESSAGE FROM
HEALTHFIRST CEO,
JESSICA SCHARFENBERG:**

Although we knew the unprecedented leak of the draft opinion for *Dobbs v. Jackson's Women's Health Organization* would most likely become the final opinion of the Supreme Court of the United States, I am appalled that the Supreme Court did not act in a manner that supports women's rights and bodily autonomy.

The real-life consequences of overturning *Roe v. Wade* will be swift and devastating for people in communities across the country. More than two dozen states are poised to ban abortion—including 13 states with laws that could immediately go into effect. That means in half the country people will no longer have power over their own bodies and their own lives. In Wisconsin, we are turning the clock back 173 years, following a law that makes performing an abortion a crime even in the case of rape, incest, and medical necessity.

The Supreme Court has created a nightmarish reality where people will be forced to carry unwanted pregnancies to term against their will and the effect will fall hardest on people who already face significant barriers to health care, including people working to make ends meet, young people, LGBTQ+ people, and Black, Indigenous, and other people of color.

In this moment, reproductive healthcare providers such as Healthfirst Network, play an even more critical role as a source of safety, trust, and information for our patients. Healthfirst stands by our mission of providing quality, confidential reproductive health care and believe our core values of treating all with respect and dignity while being kind, caring, and empathetic despite the direct attack on them. All people should be afforded the right to choose, and Healthfirst will continue to support that right.

We will continue to support our patients by providing medically accurate, nondirective information and resources about all pregnancy options.

To our clients, communities, state, and nation-Healthfirst supports your right to choose.

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