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Roe v. Wade Overturn: A Victory for Women and Children

U.S. Supreme Court Decision Returns Abortion Issue to States

HARRISBURG, Pa. – The U.S. Supreme Court's decision to overturn the tragic 1973 ruling known as *Roe v. Wade* represents a victory for women and children throughout the country.

"Roe v. Wade is a deeply flawed decision which rightly has now been tossed into the ash bin of history," said Maria Gallagher, legislative director of the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation, the Keystone State affiliate of National Right to Life.

"More than 63 million preborn children have lost their lives to this abominable decision. In addition, countless mothers have been left to grieve babies lost to abortion. With today's landmark ruling, the issue of abortion policy rightfully returns to the states, where the public, through their duly elected representatives, can pursue policies that protect preborn children and their mothers from harm," Gallagher added.

"We commend the High Court for recognizing the truth that a so-called 'right' to abortion appears nowhere in the U.S. Constitution," Gallagher said. "This is a day of victory for the most vulnerable among us."

Statistics from the PA Department of Health show that **more than 32,000 abortions** occurred in the Commonwealth in 2020, the latest year for which statistics are available. "Imagine how many kindergarten classes of children have been lost to abortion in PA. It's mind-boggling," Gallagher said.

In Pennsylvania, abortion totals would be much higher were it not for the many pregnancy resource centers which provide free counseling and material assistance for pregnant women facing challenging circumstances. Pennsylvania's state-assisted Pregnancy and Parenting Support Program offers true alternatives and options to women in their time of need.

"No pregnant woman in Pennsylvania should feel as if she is alone. Pregnancy help centers stand ready to offer no-cost assistance and the emotional support every pregnant woman deserves," Gallagher added.

The Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation is a grassroots right-to-life organization with members statewide. As the state affiliate of National Right to Life, PPLF is committed to promoting the dignity and value of human life from conception to natural death and to restoring legal protection for preborn children.