

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Legislators File Legislation to Codify Roe v. Wade



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### **Legislators Introduce an Act to Codify the Protections of *Roe v Wade* in North Carolina**

**Raleigh, N.C.** - On Thursday, May 26th, **Sen. Natasha Marcus** (SD 41), **Sen. Natalie Murdock** (SD 20) and **Sen. Jay Chaudhuri** (SD 15) filed legislation entitled "Codify Roe and Casey Protections" (SB888) to codify the essential holdings of *Roe v Wade* and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* into state law. The bill also appropriates \$25,000 to The North Carolina Obstetrical and Gynecological Society to educate providers about the provisions of this act.

**Sen. Marcus** said, "Families must be able to decide what is best for them. Control over our bodies is a fundamental human right. Passing the Codify Roe and Casey Protections Act is an essential step to protect abortion access and privacy rights in North Carolina."

"Access to safe and legal abortions is a fundamental part of reproductive health. To preserve the freedom to choose in North Carolina, it is necessary to pass the Codify Roe and Casey Protections Act. Freedom is a fundamental right, this includes bodily autonomy. We should be expanding access to pre and postnatal care to improve infant and maternal mortality rates, not eradicating our right to choose. Families should be equipped with the resources they need for family planning, and the freedom to choose when they're ready." said **Sen. Murdock**.

**Jillian Riley**, NC Director of Public Affairs with Planned Parenthood South Atlantic, expressed support for the bill, "This bill protects the fundamental right to abortion access in North Carolina, a reminder that abortion rights are human rights."

**Sen. Chaudhuri** spoke to the urgency of the legislation, "If the United States Supreme Court overturns *Roe v. Wade*, it would set the stage for this General Assembly to pass anti-choice bills immediately. We know this because Republicans have filed more than 30 anti-choice bills since 2010. I remain as committed as ever to fight for safe, legal abortion, and I'm proud to serve as a partner to the women leading on this issue."

"Abortion is a deeply personal decision, and no one should make that decision for you. This bill is an important first step in ensuring North Carolinians can get the reproductive healthcare they need," stated **Tara Romano**, Executive Director of Pro-Choice North Carolina.

The bill can be found at this link: <https://www.ncleg.gov/BillLookUp/2021/S888>

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### **Media Advisory**

**On Wednesday, June 8th at 11:00 AM, Senate members will host a joint press conference with members of the House to address the urgent need to codify *Roe v Wade*.**

**WHEN:** Wednesday, June 8th, 2022, @ 11:00 AM

**WHERE:** North Carolina General Assembly Press Room, 16 W. Jones St., Raleigh 2760