

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Senator Marcus Stands with all NCGA Democrats on Bills to Codify Roe v. Wade Protections



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Partner bills SB-19 & HB-19 sponsored by all Democratic legislators in both chambers.

**Raleigh, NC** – Senate Bill 19 and House Bill 19, both entitled, "Codify Roe and Casey Protections," have been filed with every single Democratic legislator in each chamber signing on as a sponsor. The identical bills would protect the right of women to make choices about their own health care, as was the case for nearly 50 years before the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade in 2022.

This major announcement from the leadership of the Democratic Caucuses in both chambers reflects solidarity among their members on this key issue as the year's legislative session begins.

Senator Marcus said, "House and Senate Democrats came together to have this be our first bill of the new legislative session because Democrats know that politicians should keep out of deeply personal medical and family decisions. The Dobbs decision took away our long-established rights; these bills seek to restore them. North Carolinians do not want forced pregnancy to become the norm in our state."

Since the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade, a public health crisis has unfolded across the South as conservative state legislatures pass extreme bans on abortion. Although North Carolina already has several abortion restrictions (including a 72-hour mandatory delay and a ban on abortion after 20 weeks of pregnancy), many people from across the South who need medical care have been forced to travel to North Carolina to obtain care. Speaker Moore and Senator Berger have publicly indicated they intend to try and pass additional bans on abortion during this year's legislative session. This shows that Democrats stand strong in our determination to protect equal rights in North Carolina.

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