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To: Interested Parties

Re: Polling shows that Americans remain overwhelmingly supportive of abortion rights, an issue that will be key vote driver in midterms

As the anti-choice supermajority on the U.S. Supreme Court prepares to overturn *Roe v. Wade* and state lawmakers across the country escalate their attacks on abortion, new polling confirms that the vast majority of Americans support abortion rights and access and it will be a key issue for voters in the midterm elections.

The polling also indicates that the Supreme Court ruling in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*—a direct challenge to *Roe* expected in the coming weeks—will galvanize voters to vote for candidates who will protect and expand reproductive freedom.

- In the wake of the Supreme Court's leaked draft majority opinion, new [polling](#) from Navigator Research shows that more than half of Americans say the Supreme Court potentially overturning *Roe v. Wade* makes them more motivated to vote in 2022, **including 71% of Democrats.**
- A new [Gallup poll found](#) that voters are more likely to name abortion as a key issue for them in the midterms than in any previous election year.
- A recent [PerryUndem poll](#) found that **over a third of voters (37%) say they'd feel more likely to participate in the midterms** as a result of a ruling that allows bans on abortion—and among voters that say a Supreme Court decision restricting abortion rights would affect who they vote for, **75% say they'd be more likely to vote for a candidate who supports** abortion rights and access.
- A [recent NBC News poll](#) found—**by a more than 2-1 margin—that voters are “more likely” to support candidates who support *Roe*.** Meanwhile, the polling also found **by a roughly 3-1 margin that voters said they were “less likely” to back a candidate who supports ending *Roe*.**

We've long known that the vast majority of people in the United States support reproductive freedom. A Supreme Court decision overturning *Roe* will only make voters more determined to elect champions who we can count on to protect our fundamental rights.

The 2022 midterm elections come as abortion rights and access in the United States face an urgent and dire crisis. If the Supreme Court overturns *Roe* as they are expected to do in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, 28 states would likely move to ban abortion outright. Of those, 13 states already have “trigger bans” in place. Even as *Roe* stands, state lawmakers

have escalated their attacks on abortion access. Anti-choice lawmakers have already [filed over 500 restrictions on abortion](#) this year.

Voters will be looking to candidates up and down the ballot—including in state legislative, attorneys general, secretaries of state, gubernatorial, and federal races—to make clear their commitment to protecting abortion access. With *Roe* hanging in the balance, strong majorities of Americans—in red, blue, and purple states—are eager to elect leaders that reflect the values of the [8 in 10 Americans](#) who support the legal right to abortion.