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It's Time for Sisters to Act: National Council of Jewish Women St. Louis' Statement on the Dobbs Leak

For over 127 years, National Council of Jewish Women St. Louis has worked to improve the lives of women, children, and families. We are gravely concerned about the Supreme Court draft opinion that was written by Justice Alito about the future of Roe vs Wade as it relates to the Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Clinic case currently before the Court.

As a women's organization, we know just how critical it is that people have access to the full range of reproductive healthcare services and that includes abortion. As a faith-based organization, we understand just how dangerous it is to let the religious beliefs of some influence public policy that makes medical decisions for all.

Our work will continue as we fight for access for all. This judicial opinion will change what happens in Missouri if it is released as the "official" decision of the Supreme Court.

Ellen Alper, CEO, stated that "Since 1895, NCJWSTL has been fighting for individual and civil rights for women, children, and families in our community and throughout the country. This leaked opinion will not stop us from continuing this fight to protect our ability to make personal healthcare choices with our partners, our clergy, and our medical providers. The government has no place in legislating personal healthcare decisions. It is important to note that **abortion is still legal and people with appointments for abortions can still get them. The law has not changed — this is a draft opinion with no current legal authority.** However, while expected, it is no less shocking to read in print decades of precedent overturned with the stroke of a pen."

National Council of Jewish Women St. Louis is committed to creating a world where all people, regardless of race, class, gender, sexuality, ability, or immigration status, have the right to build their families and live their lives with dignity. Our Jewish experience tells us that our reproductive freedoms are integrally bound to our religious liberty; we are committed to advancing the goals of reproductive justice so that every person can make their own moral and faith-informed decisions about their body, health, and family. We support a world where people respect other people's personal decisions around parenthood and pregnancy—whether those decisions involve giving birth, putting a child up for adoption, having an abortion, or choosing not to have children at all.

NCJWSTL will continue working with our coalition partners to help increase access for all people in need of reproductive health services. We support the freedom to decide and have established a women's emergency fund to assist those in need of help. [Click here](#) to donate to that special tribute fund, and designate Women's Emergency Services Fund (WES).

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social and economic justice for all women, children, and families.*