



## WRWF Board Statement on Roe v. Wade Reversal

Thank you to those who have reached out to the Board of Directors to share your passionate opinions about the Supreme Court's recent decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* which overruled both *Roe v. Wade* (1973) and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* (1992). Among our 340 members there is a wide range of emotions in reaction to this decision. In this highly charged environment, it is important to maintain our respect for each other as sisters in collective philanthropy, especially when we may see things very differently, and to recall our shared commitment to our nonprofit partners and the people they serve in Blaine County - this is what solidly unites us at WRWF.

What is clear is that despite our differing viewpoints, this profound decision by the Supreme Court will have fundamental impacts across our community. It will drive additional needs in maternal and child health care, mental health services, economic support, education expansion and more.

As we move forward in a post-*Roe* community, WRWF will engage with our nonprofit partners who are doing the on-the-ground work and seeing first-hand the resulting needs being experienced by our neighbors most impacted by the Supreme Court's decision and Idaho laws. Our actions will center on their voices and what we learn from them - how their work is impacted, what additional assistance is needed by the people and families they serve, and what support from WRWF they will be seeking going forward.

Our mission – to elevate ourselves as philanthropists and to create positive change in our community – remains our guiding star. This is a moment for us to model behavior for

our community: empathy, compassion, and the attempt to connect with each other across deep social policy differences. The consequences of the court's decision will require participation from each and every one of us to meet our mission in the face of the rising needs in our community.

Every one of your voices is welcome. We share your passion and intent to move forward with kindness, generosity and open minds. We remain grateful for your continuing participation in our collective organization.

With profound gratitude,

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