MAP's Statement on the Supreme Court Draft Opinion

Hearing the news that five Supreme Court Justices joined a draft opinion overruling Roe v. Wade was distressing. Reading the rationale for that opinion was infuriating, because Justice Alito based his decision in part on misogynistic social norms and antiquated laws in existence hundreds of years ago that were designed to maintain white Christian men’s power over everyone else.

After the leak, the whirlwind of commentary, rhetoric, threats, grief, and street clashes are equally hard to navigate and absorb without feeling despondent. Like most people fighting to protect abortion care, Midwest Access Project’s board and staff are moving through complex emotions as we digest this new development. Although the draft opinion does make real what we’ve all seen coming, it certainly has the potential power to knock anyone off course.

But this leaked opinion will not distract Midwest Access Project from our principles, values, and mission focused work.

- First and foremost, Roe v. Wade is still the law of the land. Abortion is legal. We know this is just a draft opinion – the Supreme Court has not yet made a ruling. Abortion clinics and funds are open and ready to support patients in every state. To find a clinic in the US, go to [www.ineedana.com](http://www.ineedana.com). If you need help funding an abortion, go to [www.abortionfunds.org](http://www.abortionfunds.org).

- MAP honors its clinical training partners providing abortion care in 10 states. MAP appreciates their commitment to train the next generation of providers, even in the face of this national crisis. To our partners at Just The Pill, Planned Parenthood of Illinois, Hope
Clinic, Carafem, University of Chicago's Ryan Center, CHOICES Memphis Center for Reproductive Health, Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin, Scottsdale Women’s Center & Family Planning, Planned Parenthood Great Plains, and Whole Woman’s Health of Minnesota: MAP stands with you as partners and allies, you’re doing extraordinary things every day and we thank you.

• MAP honors the courage of its clinical trainees, who are highly motivated to provide abortion care and come to MAP for the clinical training they cannot access elsewhere. MAP’s learners face so many challenges accessing clinical training, and we are proud to stand shoulder to shoulder with each of you to break down, or work around, the barriers in your path to clinical training. MAP will support each of you before, during, and after your training.

• MAP is grateful to each individual and foundation partner supporting our unique work to fill gaps in medical education and clinical training. You keep showing up, writing checks, spreading the word, making introductions, renewing grants, and offering grace. Please know that your financial support helps MAP pay our training partners and reduce the costs our trainees face with licensing, insurance and travel. MAP’s work to expand access to abortion care would not be possible without each of you and we appreciate your generosity.

Midwest Access Project will stay the course – we will keep expanding our clinical training network around the country. We will create and deliver workshops on self-managed abortion, telehealth skills, gender affirming care, all options pregnancy counseling, and contraception. MAP will continue to fill gaps in medical education and clinical training in reproductive health. In short, our resolve is strengthened. Onward.