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**Society for Obstetric Anesthesia and Perinatology on United States Supreme Court opinion overturning *Roe v. Wade***

The Society for Obstetric Anesthesia and Perinatology (SOAP) released the below statement on June 1, 2022, regarding the leaked draft decision of the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* case that would overturn *Roe v. Wade* and *Casey v. Planned Parenthood*, thereby making the legality of abortion a state issue.

In light of the recent Supreme Court ruling, SOAP reiterates and affirms our position statement, as follows:

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The Society for Obstetric Anesthesia and Perinatology (SOAP) supports safe and equitable care for pregnant patients and newborns everywhere. This includes providing safe anesthesia and perioperative care to patients in all stages of pregnancy and the peripartum period, regardless of circumstances. Limiting access to safe abortion care for pregnant patients could have significant negative consequences on maternal morbidity and mortality. Consistent with our core values, SOAP believes that people should make their own medical decisions in conjunction with their health care providers, without limitations or bias posed by institutional, legislative or other policies.

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