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Manatee County Democratic Party’s Statement on the Supreme Court’s Decision Regarding Roe v. Wade

The ability of women across this Nation to control their own fate and bodies was destroyed today. The U.S. Supreme Court’s decision to overturn Roe v. Wade has made women in America second class citizens.

Manatee County Democratic Party Chair Tracy Pratt acknowledged that the repercussions of this ruling will be life-threatening: “We have returned to a dark age where women will have to seek reproductive healthcare in back-alleys, facing infection and death. The majority of Americans have repeatedly said that they want the rights of women to be preserved.”

She added: “Today six people decided that that the government gets to control the bodily autonomy of half the population by enforcing a minority religious perspective on the majority of Americans.”

On July 1, abortion laws in Florida will change, banning abortion after fifteen weeks with *no exception for rape or incest*. Republican lawmakers, including those representing Manatee County, have vowed to seek further restrictions.

Pratt said women and those who support women’s rights will have their say at the ballot box in November, and she urged voters to seek out Democratic Candidates that support a women’s right to choose.

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