

Senate Bill

Act Number: 2022-6

21 November 2022

Introduced by: Senator Patrica Kalaidjian

Proposed by: President Paolo Miyashiro Bedoya

Whereas: The Student Government Association (SGA) of Ramapo College of New Jersey is the liaison body to the Faculty, Staff, Administration, the Board of Trustees, and the Board of Governors of Ramapo College of New Jersey;

Whereas: In 1973, the Supreme Court of the United States ruled that the Constitution of the United States conferred the right to have an abortion in the decision of *Roe v. Wade*, 410 U.S. 113;

Whereas: In 2022, the Supreme Court overruled *Roe* in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* on the grounds that the substantive right to abortion was not "deeply rooted in this Nation's history or tradition", nor considered a right when the Due Process Clause was ratified in 1868, and was unknown in U.S. law until *Roe*;

Whereas: The decision to overrule *Roe v. Wade* leaves the decision of legal parameters regarding abortion cares to the individual states;

Whereas: As of June 2022, there are 13 states with trigger ban laws that will immediately make abortions illegal with 13 others soon to follow;

Whereas: Overturning *Roe v. Wade* negatively impacts individuals with a female reproductive system, especially those from lower socioeconomic backgrounds;

Whereas: Overturning *Roe v. Wade* disproportionately impacts BIPOC women as they are more likely to seek to obtain abortions, have more limited access to health care, and face underlying inequities that would make it more difficult to travel out of state for an abortion compared to their White counterparts;

Whereas: The overturning of *Roe v. Wade* also impacts protection of contraceptives and access to reproductive healthcare;

Whereas: State laws on abortion may play a role in the college decision process for some students;



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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The SGA President, with the support of the SGA Senate, will sign the [open letter to the US Congress](#) regarding reproductive rights and advocate for the codification of Roe v. Wade. This signature shall signify the support of the Ramapo College SGA for the actions stated in the letter.

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