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### **Statement from the Texas Council on Family Violence on SCOTUS Decision**

The Texas Council on Family Violence (TCFV) shares the fear and abject disappointment and sorrow of many individuals and organizations across the U.S. following the Supreme Court of the United States' decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, which represents a disregard of an individual's right to make an intimate and important health care decision and is a devastating blow to long held constitutional privacy rights. We are deeply concerned for survivors of domestic violence in Texas, where reproductive coercion occurs at a higher rate than the national average and where health disparities – particularly for BIPOC, LGBTQ+, low income and other vulnerable groups – are acute.

Our anti-violence movement is firmly rooted in the promotion of survivor autonomy while also providing opportunities to heal and thrive. This decision represents a dangerous erosion of rights, privacy and bodily autonomy for all people, and will most harm those whose lives continue to be threatened by racism, disparities, and lack of access to basic care.

This elimination of a health care option greatly diminishes safety and gravely exacerbates risks for survivors in our state. It is a blow to the collective work towards our mission to create a safer Texas.

What it will not do is move us away from our central mission to stand with survivors and elevate their voices and choices. TCFV will continue to work towards our mission with our network of family violence programs so they can do what they do every day – support and respond to survivors across our state. If you are a victim of domestic violence in need of support, contact the [National Domestic Violence Hotline](#) via chat, text or phone 24/7 at 1-800-799-SAFE.