

# Statement on Idaho Supreme Court Decision in *Planned Parenthood v. Idaho*



On Thursday, January 5, 2023, the Idaho Supreme Court upheld the state's extreme abortion ban, ensuring that pregnant Idahoans will continue to have less autonomy over their own bodies than other state citizens.



**We the undersigned stand in firm opposition to attempts to control the bodies of pregnant people.**

The Idaho Supreme Court, through a distorted reading of applicable constitutional scholarship, held that the rights of pregnant people today are governed by the thinking of propertied white men who lived in 1899, a time in which many civil rights enjoyed today were unthinkable.



**We the undersigned stand in firm opposition to the additional burdens this ban places on communities who already face challenges accessing health care.**

The Idaho Supreme Court's decision ensures that some pregnant Idahoans will have to surmount bureaucratic hurdles not faced by other citizens in order to access health care.



**We the undersigned stand in firm opposition to the criminalization of doctors and health care providers.**

The Idaho Supreme Court's opinion makes them the arbiters of what health care Idaho doctors can safely provide without fear of penalty and imprisonment, trapping doctors between good medicine and bad law.



**We the undersigned stand in firm opposition to government interference in the patient-doctor relationship.**

The Idaho Supreme Court's decision is an assault on gender equity that allows the government to make medical decisions for pregnant patients.



**We the undersigned will continue to work toward freedom and liberty for all.**



## SIGNED:

Legal Voice • Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates • Indigenous Idaho Alliance  
Idaho Section of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists • ACLU of Idaho  
Add the Words, Idaho • The Idaho Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence  
Idaho Access Coalition Taskforce • Idaho Interfaith Organizing for Reproductive Freedom  
Rev. Barbara Condon, ELCA • Rev. Dr. Andrew Kukla, First Presbyterian Church, Boise  
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