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West Virginians for Life on Leaked Supreme Court Document

West Virginians for Life (WVFL) joins with those who recognize the leak of the Supreme Court Opinion overruling *Roe v. Wade* as one of the greatest scandals to ever affect the nation's highest court. The document published by *Politico* appears to be authentic and constitutes an unprecedented betrayal of the trust required for the court to function.

The draft opinion was written in February by Justice Samuel Alito and states: "It is time to heed the Constitution and return the issue of abortion to the people's elected representatives." WVFL agrees with this determination; however, this may not be the final wording of the Supreme Court Opinion in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*. We must wait until the final draft is released later this summer.

The leak of the draft opinion appears to be an effort to rouse the public to express opposition to the apparent effort to overturn *Roe v. Wade* in order to intimidate Justices to change their votes on the issue. We agree with Alito's statement in the leaked document: "...we cannot allow our decisions to be affected by the extraneous influences such as concern about the public's reaction to our work."

WVFL will wait for the final opinion to be issued by the Court.

West Virginians for Life, the state affiliate of the National Right to Life Committee, is the state's largest pro-life group with more than 30 local pro-life chapters. West Virginians for Life works through education, legislation, and political action to protect those threatened by abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia.

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