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National Right to Life in Conjunction with Affiliate West Virginians for Life Praises the Supreme Court's Decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson* *Today's Ruling Overturns High Court's 1973 Roe v. Wade Decision*

WASHINGTON — The National Right to Life Committee (NRLC), the federation of right-to-life affiliates in each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia, praised the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson* overturning its 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision. Today's decision returns the abortion issue to Congress and the state legislatures.

“This is a great day for preborn children and their mothers. The Court has correctly decided that a right to abortion is not in the constitution, thereby allowing the people, through their elected representatives, to have a voice in this very important decision,” said Carol Tobias, president of National Right to Life (NRLC).

“We are thrilled with the decision rendered by the Supreme Court today,” said Dr. Wanda Franz, president of West Virginians for Life. She added, **“We are so happy to be able to live in a country that is no longer damaged by the legalized killing of our most vulnerable members.”**

In the majority opinion, written by Justice Samuel Alito, the High Court noted:

Roe was egregiously wrong from the start. Its reasoning was exceptionally weak, and the decision has had damaging consequences. And far from bringing about a national settlement of the abortion issue, *Roe* and *Casey* have enflamed debate and deepened division. It is time to heed the Constitution and return the issue of abortion to the people's elected representatives.

The decision was due to the justices who chose the Constitution over political pressure and who rightly concluded that there was nothing in the Constitution that would prevent the people's elected representatives in the states from protecting the lives of unborn children. National Right to Life is deeply grateful for the work of millions of pro-life citizens—the 3,000 chapters and 51 affiliates of National Right to Life who have carried the pro-life message into every nook, cranny and corner of America for decades.

National Right to Life will have a more thorough analysis of the decision available later today.

Founded in 1968, the National Right to Life Committee (NRLC), the federation of affiliates in each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia and more than 3,000 local chapters, is the nation's oldest and largest grassroots pro-life organization. Recognized as the flagship of the pro-life movement, National Right to Life works through legislation and education to protect innocent human life from abortion, infanticide, assisted suicide and euthanasia.

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.