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Attorney Richard Boykin, for Cook County Board President, Statement on Roe v. Wade

"The Supreme Court decision to overturn Roe v. Wade is a dangerous departure from 50 years of precedent. This is a very sad day in American history when Constitutional rights are being taken away from the American people by extremist judges."

"The decision undermines the rights of women to control their own bodies and their health care. It will subject survivors of abuse, rape and incest to additional trauma by preventing them from accessing abortions. And, as usual, overturning has the most harmful and lasting impact on women of color and on poor women."

"Abortion bans are historically designed to deny women people their right to liberty, freedom, and to make decisions about their bodies and futures. These bans disproportionately affect disenfranchised people with low incomes who cannot afford access to safe and fundamental health care or travel to get it. Abortion bans are the perpetuation of oppression, racism, sexism, and economic injustice in a country that has a long sordid history of stripping women of their personal autonomy."

"As Cook County Board President, I will ensure that Cook County hospitals continue to provide safe, secure, and private abortion procedures, and provide access to medical and surgical reproductive health services, for all women."

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