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The American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP) is disappointed and deeply concerned by today's Supreme Court ruling to overturn *Roe v. Wade* and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*. As a physician-led and supporting organization, ACOFP advocates for physicians and their ability to practice evidence-based osteopathic family medicine based on their many years of education, training and experience. ACOFP supports patient-centered medical care and works to ensure that the physician-patient relationship remains protected.

Regardless of where one falls on the issue, in reversing these critical court decisions protecting reproductive rights, today's ruling has taken away the physician's ability to practice medicine in a way that they, in partnership with their patients, find to be best for the patient's health and safety. Rulings such as these will also lead to widening disparities in health outcomes for some of our most vulnerable patient populations, including—but not limited to—those in underserved areas, with low socioeconomic status and minority populations.

ACOFP is against all legislation and interpretation of constitutional rights that will impede the ability of physicians to practice medicine and provide appropriate care and engage in shared decision-making with patients related to their reproductive rights. ACOFP remains committed to protecting our physicians' rights to practice medicine based in evidence and in consideration of the unique needs of each individual patient, including those related to the ability to make autonomous choices regarding their body.

Osteopathically yours,



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