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Illinois State Treasurer Michael Frerichs Responds to Opinion Overturning Roe v. Wade

'As the Father of a Teenage Daughter, I am Furious'

SPRINGFIELD – Illinois State Treasurer Michael Frerichs today responded to the Supreme Court opinion that overturned Roe v. Wade.

“Five people I never met decided they will make health decision for my school-aged daughter, not me,” Frerichs said.

“Years from now, when my daughter is an adult, she will not be able to decide what happens with her body because five people she never met determined they know best,” Frerichs said.

“Today, the doctors and nurses and friends who participate in a woman’s decision could face criminal charges for doing nothing more than delivering their professional opinion, providing their expert care, and offering a supportive role,” Frerichs said.

“As the father of a teenage daughter, I am furious with the hypocritical politicians who seek to control her body and have decided that she, and every other woman in my life, and in our country, are incapable of making decisions about their own body.”

Today, the U.S. Supreme Court overturned the landmark 1973 Roe decision. It upheld the Mississippi case, Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health, that banned abortion after 15 weeks.

Anticipating that Roe might be shunned aside, Illinois lawmakers passed a series of laws that keep abortion services legal in Illinois. However, future Illinois lawmakers could reverse this decision.

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