

# N STREET VILLAGE'S STATEMENT ON THE DECISION TO OVERTURN ROE V. WADE

The Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade is deeply disheartening. Without question, N Street Village will always support a woman's right to make her own decisions about her body, her life, her future.

We partner with women experiencing homelessness to provide the services and resources they need to build a better future for themselves. We provide these services in an atmosphere of dignity and respect. Our priority is to serve each woman who comes to us and give her the assistance that best fits her needs.

**Make no mistake, turning the clock back on reproductive health care will have an adverse effect primarily on women of color living in poverty or experiencing housing instability—women particularly vulnerable to sexual assault and trafficking. Poverty forces women to prioritize food and shelter above preventive health care and family planning.**

The health disparities for women of color are already significant. According to the CDC, the maternal death rate for non-Hispanic Black women (<https://www.medpagetoday.com/obgyn/pregnancy/97317>) is now roughly three times that of both non-Hispanic white women and Hispanic women. Overturning Roe v. Wade will, no doubt, increase the health risks of Black women experiencing an unplanned pregnancy and will create profound negative economic outcomes. Working women living in poverty often lack access to paid parental leave and affordable childcare. Reduced access to health clinics and preventive care will exacerbate these health disparities.

We are fortunate to live in a city that protects a woman's right to choose—which we hope will always be the case—but we are heartbroken for the countless women across the country whose rights have been stolen. **N Street Village will continue to support the ability for women to make their own choices and receive access to affordable health care.**

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