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Supreme Court Ruling in Dobbs Case Will Cause
Real Harm to Those Facing Violence and Abuse, Undermine
Work to Make Families, Communities Safer and Healthier

“Today’s U.S. Supreme Court ruling in Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization will cause real
harm to those who are seeking an abortion who are denied access to this basic health care, with people
who have experienced rape, incest and domestic violence sure to suffer greatly.

By giving state lawmakers license to deny pregnant people the health care they need, the Court has
denied millions the ability to decide when it is safe and when they feel ready to have a child, putting
many women, trans people and children in harm’s way. Intimate partner homicide is a particular risk
during pregnancy. Homicide during pregnancy and shortly thereafter is the leading cause of maternal
mortality. For Black victims of intimate partner violence and among girls and younger women (age 10–
24), the risk is especially high.

Even for survivors of violence and abuse not at immediate risk for homicide, forced parenthood with an
abusive partner is cruel and can contribute to adverse consequences for parents and children for years
to come. Reproductive coercion, including birth control sabotage by abusive partners, can cause
unintended pregnancy, as can child sexual abuse.

At Futures Without Violence, we stand with every person seeking abortion care, and those who provide
it. Limited access to the full range of reproductive health care has already been a reality for too many,
and we fear the end of Roe v. Wade will further limit the possibility of a safer life and a future without
violence. So we will redouble our efforts to build awareness of the connection between violence and
reproductive health. We will continue opposing efforts by state lawmakers to take personal decisions
out of the hands of those most affected by them. And we will continue pressing for the supports parents
need to support their families, but not enough lawmakers prioritize, including health care, child
nutrition, housing, paid leave, affordable child care, quality jobs, gun safety and more.”

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For more than 35 years, FUTURES has been providing groundbreaking programs, policies and campaigns that
empower individuals and organizations working to end violence against women and children around the world.
Striving to reach new audiences and transform social norms, FUTURES trains professionals such as doctors, nurses,
judges and athletic coaches on improving responses to violence and abuse. FUTURES also works with advocates,
policymakers and others to build sustainable community leadership and educate people everywhere about the
importance of respect and healthy relationships. More information is available at www.futureswithoutviolence.org.