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**NATIONAL FILIPINO AMERICAN LAWYERS ASSOCIATION CONDEMNS UNITED STATES
SUPREME COURT DECISION OVERTURNING ROE V. WADE**

[SEATTLE, WA] – The National Filipino American Lawyers Association (NFALA) condemns the decision by the United States Supreme Court to overturn *Roe v. Wade* and the constitutional right to abortion. The impact of this ruling in *Dobbs v Jackson’s Women Health Organization* will be swift and devastating for communities of color, working poor individuals, and immigrants.

“We unequivocally oppose the unconscionable decision by the Supreme Court and [stand in solidarity with thirty eight Asian American and Pacific Islander-led organizations, as well as over 1,000 individuals](#) from every region in the country in support of abortion access,” says Jeri Gonzales Abrams, President of NFALA. “Like most Americans, [eighty-five percent of AAPI](#) women believe that women should have the right to make their own reproductive choices.”

[A third of AAPI pregnancies end in abortion](#). It is a vital and necessary part of reproductive health. Yet, [the path to abortion care is arduous](#) – filled with language barriers, cultural stigmas, and low rates of insurance coverage for those most vulnerable:

- [Asian Americans are overrepresented in frontline, low-wage jobs](#) — making it difficult or impossible to get the time off from work and money for transportation and overnight accommodations to travel for an abortion.
- [Six in 10 Asian Americans are immigrants](#), and [16 percent are undocumented](#). The criminalization of abortion heightens fears of adverse immigration consequences for undocumented individuals, refugees, and other immigrants regardless of their immigrant status.
- [Sixty-six percent](#) of Asian Americans and [30 percent](#) of Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islanders speak a language other than English at home and experience difficulties in accessing health care due to [language barriers](#).
- Asian Americans face economic hurdles and immigration barriers — as well as [centuries-old cultural stigmas](#) that discourage conversations about reproductive health.
- AAPI women face an increased risk of criminalization for their pregnancy outcomes because of [racial profiling](#) rooted in anti-immigrant sentiments and false claims that AAPI women end pregnancies because they prefer sons over daughters.

“Not only is this decision that overturns the constitutional right to abortion devastating,” Ms. Abrams says, “but it also puts other fundamental human and civil rights and constitutional protections at risk, particularly to those

most vulnerable in our community. NFALA is using its voice to stand up and speak out against injustices, while standing in solidarity with the AAPI Community, as well as Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC), working poor individuals, and immigrants. We must remain vigilant in protecting fundamental rights that have been instilled by the Constitution, and we must continue to fight for a more just, fair, and equitable country for all Americans.”

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