



## Borough of West Chester

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August 16, 2022

The Honorable Carolyn Comitta  
United States Senator  
17 East Gay Street  
West Chester, PA 19380

Dear Senator Comitta,

The recent egregious decision by the United States Supreme Court in *Dobbs v. Jackson* threatens the right to obtain essential healthcare services and is a direct threat to women and childbearing individuals.

This devastating ruling overturns 50 years of precedent and enables state legislators to restrict women's healthcare freedom by implementing barriers to reproductive rights.

West Chester Borough is fortunate to be home to Chester County's only reproductive healthcare choice, providing vital health services to individuals from our community and across the county.

While we are proud to be a welcoming community to individuals seeking abortion services, recent legislative efforts in Pennsylvania and across the country threaten our community's right to reproductive health care and the ability to provide safe care.

Elected officials, including members of borough council, are in no position to determine what is the best reproductive health care decision a woman or any person should make over their own body. This personal and private decision should only ever be made by an individual and if necessary, their healthcare provider.

As council, our mission is to act in the best interest of the residents of the Borough of West Chester and these efforts to restrict access to health services are in direct opposition to the best interest of our residents.

We stand in strong support of protecting access to reproductive healthcare in the Borough of West Chester and throughout Pennsylvania.

As a Council we stand in opposition to legislation that threatens complete reproductive health care access and support efforts to protect and expand safe, legal, and accessible care. This includes legislation being introduced by our state senator, Carolyn Comitta, that codifies the protections laid out in *Roe vs. Wade* into Pennsylvania law.

We cannot and will not go back. It is time for bold action to protect our basic freedom over personal healthcare choice and as a council we stand ready to support our elected state and federal representatives in defense of women's reproductive health care access.

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