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## **SEIU Local 73 Statement on SCOTUS Overturning Roe**

**CHICAGO, IL –** *SEIU Local 73 President Dian Palmer issued the following statement in response to the Supreme Court’s ruling today in Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization.*

“Today is a dark day for women across our nation. The Supreme Court ruling overturning Roe v. Wade has stripped women of their fundamental right to make their own personal health decisions, sending us back 50 years.

As a union representing over 31,000 essential workers in Illinois and Indiana, the majority being Black and brown women, we recognize that our members are disproportionately affected by this decision. This ruling will result in women being treated as second-class citizens as they are forced to endure economic and medical hardships because access to safe and legal abortions is denied to them.

Working women already struggle to care for their families because of the wage gap in our country. A wage gap that is even larger for Black and brown women. This decision will only cause that gap to widen, forcing more working women into poverty.

Right-wing politicians and Trump republicans claim to support families while undermining the progress made by working women and mothers over the last 50 years. SEIU Local 73 stands with our partners in the reproductive justice movement, with the thousands of frontline healthcare workers we represent who continue to provide essential services, and with the communities who rely on their care. We will keep fighting racial, economic, social, and reproductive justice. This ruling demonstrates the need for working people to vote in record numbers this fall to elect leaders who will defend the rights of working women and all of us.”

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*SEIU Local 73 represents more than 31,000 workers, primarily in public service and publicly funded positions in school districts, municipalities, social service agencies, and many other job classifications in Illinois and Indiana. We are dedicated to improving the lives of workers and their families.*