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RE: Statement on Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization Decision from Supreme Court

Last week's Supreme Court decision overturned nearly 50 years of legal precedent—jeopardizing abortion access for over 36 million Americans. This decision puts the lives of those who depend on abortion care the most – Black, Indigenous, and other people of color – in grave jeopardy.

One APIA Nevada stands with communities where abortion access is now jeopardized—those living in states with trigger laws, those already facing significant systemic barriers to care, including the BIPOC, low-income and LGBTQ+ communities, and those already affected by extreme abortion bans like SB 8 in Texas.

“Last week’s devastating decision reminds us that no right is guaranteed,” remarks One APIA Nevada Political Director Amy Koo. **“We acknowledge that much work has been done at the state level in Nevada to codify abortion access, ensuring Nevadans still have access to abortion for up to 24 weeks. But there is still much to be done to ensure the continued protection of individuals’ right to privacy in discussions with their physicians and access to family planning.”**

We recognize that when we talk about abortion, we often overlook Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander communities, but this is an issue that directly harms AANHPI communities and their families. Our community already faces great barriers to accessing much-needed healthcare services due to cultural and familial stigma, lack of language access, and lack of insurance. The pandemic only further underscored this bleak reality.

AANHPIs, especially women, are overrepresented in the frontline and low-wage workforce, including the retail, restaurant, and personal care industries. Yet, most of these frontline jobs fail to provide health coverage, family, or sick leave, making it nearly impossible for someone to save money and be able to take time off work to have an abortion.

35% of pregnancies end in abortion for AANHPI women—the second-highest percentage among all demographic groups. 7 in 10 Asian Americans support the legalization of abortion, and 85% of AANHPI women believe in the right to make their own decisions that are best for their lives and their bodies.

“We are angry, we are devastated, but we are far from defeated. There is a growing movement within the Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander community to speak out on the issues that impact us—including legal abortion,” says Koo. **“We should be able to make decisions about pregnancy and abortion free from fear. And we should be trusted to make decisions that are best for our lives and our bodies. We are not your model minority. We will make our voices heard loud and clear at the ballot box—in the upcoming midterm elections and every election to come.”**