

Letter regarding Roe v. Wade and recent shootings

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Dear Students, Colleagues, Community Partners, and Friends,

As we anticipate the end of spring quarter, warmer weather, and end of the year celebrations, we are also faced with current events that deeply affect us as humans and as social workers. The most recent events included the racially motivated mass shootings at a Buffalo supermarket. We share in [NASW's condolences](#), recognition of racism, call for meaningful policy change, and solutions informed and lead by the communities most impacted. This hate crime is one of many mass shootings that have taken place in 2022. Connect in your community to learn more and take action. In the Spokane area, connect with the NAACP-Spokane, APIC Spokane, SCAR, and other organizations you have found. You may also be interested in these national resources:

- [Opposing Hate Guide](#)
- [Racist Terrorism in Buffalo: How the Mainstreaming of White Supremacy Puts the Nation at Risk with Tim Wise](#)
- [Buffalo Massacre: An Act of White Nationalist Political Violence](#)

We also recognize the importance of responding to and taking action on the leaked draft opinion on Roe v. Wade. [NASW has shared a response](#) which we encourage you to read. The School of Social Work is hosting a [discussion on June 6th, please attend if you are able](#). Above all we support the rights of people of all classes and races to have access to health care. We also support evidence-based, credible scientific information about reproductive health.

Finally, there is strength in numbers for social change and in caring for oneself. Reach out to share and address your distress and seek care available through your community or at EWU through [EWU Counseling and Wellness Services](#).

Sincerely,
Amanda Reedy