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## TODAY: NEW YORKERS RALLY TO EXPRESS RAGE AND RECOMMIT TO PROTECTING ABORTION ACCESS

NEW YORK — A diverse group of advocates, elected officials, concerned New Yorkers will rally tonight at 5pm at Foley Square in Manhattan to protect abortion access.

On Monday May 2, <u>Politico</u> published a leaked draft Supreme Court majority opinion in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* that explicitly overturns *Roe v. Wade*. If this draft opinion holds, it would reverse nearly 50 years of precedent and explicitly end federal constitutional protections for safe and legal abortion.

Advocates across the state demand that New York must always remain a Destination State for abortion access, **no matter what.** This is possible when all people have access to safe, affordable abortion care, and all forms of reproductive care no matter their needs or their gender. This draft opinion was just that - a draft. Abortion is still legal today. People have appointments and are getting care today. People will book and should continue to book their appointments in the days and weeks to come. As the coming decision remains to be seen, New York should continue to provide the necessary medica care for those who require it in the form of safe and affordable abortions.

## **SOCIAL GRAPHICS + GUIDANCE**

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## **CORE MESSAGES**

- This is a moment of outrage. While we knew that SCOTUS turning back the clock on Roe was likely, we must not back down.
- This draft opinion was just that a draft. Abortion is still legal today. People have appointments and are getting care today. People will book and should continue to book their appointments in the days and weeks to come.
- New York City and New York State must remain an access state for abortion. This is
  possible when all people have access to safe, affordable abortion care, and all forms of
  reproductive care no matter their needs.

- Government has no business interfering in our personal health care decisions. Just like
  we don't let the government tell us how much insulin we should take, or if a surgery is
  right for us, politicians with their own agendas should not be dictating private health care
  procedures like abortion. Those decisions should be left to patients, families, and
  doctors.
- New Yorkers stand in solidarity with people in states across the country who are restricting and banning abortion care due to SCOTUS.

WHO: Abortion storytellers, activists and supporters of abortion access and

reproductive justice, local and state elected officials.

WHEN: 5PM EST

**WHERE:** Foley Square, New York, NY

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