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CCCBA STATEMENT
ON THE SUPREME COURT’S DOBBS DECISION

The Contra Costa County Bar Association is deeply dismayed and troubled by the Supreme Court’s Dobbs decision, which struck down Roe v. Wade and 50 years of settled legal precedent that recognized the constitutional right to personal privacy and reproductive freedom. The decision has resulted in the elimination of the fundamental right to control one’s own body, the trajectory of one’s own reproductive life, and stripped people of economic freedom and substantive equality. The CCCBA is concerned that the Dobbs decision lays the foundation to remove other fundamental personal rights.

The CCCBA is committed to finding ways to support organizations that defend and support everybody’s rights to autonomy, equality, and full access to safe reproductive care, including abortion. One way the CCCBA will lend this support is by raising awareness of the Legal Alliance of Reproductive Rights (“LARR”), launched by the Bar Association of San Francisco in cooperation with San Francisco City Attorney, David Chiu. The LARR is an alliance of over 30 member firms, many with national footprints working to assist those who are criminally or civilly prosecuted in the post-Roe environment. If any member firms are interested in joining LARR to provide pro-bono services, they should email LARR@sfbar.org.

Another such measure will be to publish a list of resources for persons in need of transportation assistance or access to free and low-cost abortions in California, such as ACCESS Reproductive Justice (https://accessrj.org) and the Women's Reproductive Rights Assistance Project (https://wrrap.org).

Additionally, the CCCBA will support such organizations by publishing a list of resources for attorneys and members of the public to connect with organizations that support all individuals’ rights to autonomy, equality, and full access to safe reproductive care, including abortion.

Resources will be available on the CCCBA website in the near future.