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SUPREME COURT’S CRIMINALIZATION OF ABORTION VIOLATES CIVIL, RACIAL & REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

The Supreme Court’s overturn of its landmark Roe v. Wade decision is a massive blow. The power of any state government to prosecute people for seeking—or providing—health care and exercising their right to bodily autonomy is a threat to civil, racial, social, and reproductive rights everywhere.

“While we might not experience these changes directly in New York State, the consequences of this decision will reverberate through communities far and wide,” said Carl Hamad-Lipscombe, executive director of Envision Freedom Fund. “There is no doubt that the criminalization of reproductive care will have an outsized impact on low-income people of color, whose lives and freedom are routinely at the mercy of state and federal authorities.”

Envision Freedom remains committed to working for freedom for all people—not just freedom from incarceration but from criminalization, surveillance, and other punitive measures that oppress people based on immigration status, socioeconomic level, country of origin, gender expression and sexuality, sex, race and reproductive health decisions.

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Envision Freedom Fund (formerly Brooklyn Community Bail Fund) works alongside impacted communities to dismantle the oppressive and interconnected criminal legal and immigration systems. With freedom as our guiding principle, we invest in innovative campaigns and programs that aim to win long-term, transformative change, while meeting the urgent needs of community members in the present.