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WE REFUSE TO LET THE U.S. SUPREME COURT DENY WOMEN’S HUMANITY AND DECIMATE THEIR RIGHTS!

WE CALL ON EVERYONE TO JOIN US IN FIGHTING FOR:

ABORTION ON DEMAND AND WITHOUT APOLOGY!

Now is the time for *everyone* who believes that women and girls are *full human beings* — not incubators — to act to *prevent a great horror*.

The Supreme Court stands poised to gut and very possibly overturn the landmark 1973 Roe v. Wade decision that established the right of women to abortion. A decision is expected by late spring.

This comes on top of hundreds of restrictions that effectively deny this essential right to huge numbers of women already. This could trigger more than 20 states to immediately ban or severely restrict abortion.

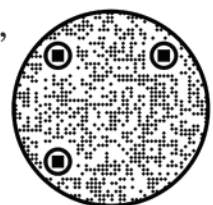
The attack on abortion rights is part of a patriarchal Christian fascist program that takes aim at contraception as well as LGBTQ rights. Denying the right to abortion hits poor women, and especially Black and other women of color, with vicious consequence — tightening the chains of *both* white supremacy *and* the subjugation of women.

Denying the right to abortion forces women to bear children against their will. This does grotesque physical, emotional, societal, and psychic violence to women by reducing them to baby-making machines! Compelling women to carry unwanted and/or dangerous pregnancies hijacks their bodies, their safety, their lives, their sexual autonomy, their aspirations and accomplishments, and their life-long relations in the service of patriarchal domination.

Forced motherhood is female enslavement. When women are not free, no one is free.

Yet all too many pro-choice leaders and Democratic Party politicians preach a “realism” of accepting the Court’s gutting of abortion rights. They tell us to dig in for the “long-haul” of the electoral process or to focus on helping women induce their own abortions. Whatever their intent, this amounts to *capitulating in advance* to the enslavement of women and an overall nightmare for humanity.

The violent subjugation of half of society must not be accommodated, excused, downplayed, or surrendered to. IT MUST BE STOPPED!



If we leave this to Congress, the Courts, and State Legislatures and do not fill the streets with people determined to stop this, then there is virtually no hope for stopping this assault. *But if we, in our multitudes, stand up in uncompromising defiance then there is a possibility—not a certainty, but a real possibility—that we could beat back this assault and begin to change the whole political dynamic in this country.*

Our only way forward and our best way forward is to resist. To step outside the confines of “official” politics and fill the streets with our fury. Growing in numbers, in cities and small towns, uniting all who can be united and coming back stronger in continuing, sustained, nonviolent mass protest. Shaking all of society from the streets to the arts and sciences with our determination. Drawing inspiration from the mighty outpourings of women and others around the world against patriarchal degradation. Changing the whole political atmosphere throughout society and what women-haters – from the Supreme Court to the State Houses to the streets – feel they can get away with. **Rising up with courage and conviction to defeat this assault while bringing closer a future where women and all people are free.**

On January 22, the anniversary of Roe v. Wade, we begin. In the face of triumphalist patriarchal Marches for “Life,” we will announce to the world that a force is gathering to defeat this through massive, relentless, nonviolent action of people of all genders. Gather in DC at NOON at the Supreme Court. Other places TBA.

On March 8, International Women’s Day, we come back with creativity and growing numbers in small towns and the big cities, filling the streets with serious determination and rebellious joy. We will puncture the stifling atmosphere of capitulation to a great injustice and compel all to take notice, inspiring more people to join us. We start organizing *now*.

From there, we rally more people and fury and moral clarity... aiming to *bring society to a halt* and force our demand – that women *not be slammed backwards* – to be reckoned with and *acted upon* by every institution in society.

Sign this statement. Spread it everywhere. Donate generously. **Use this statement to organize growing networks** across this country of people from different backgrounds and genders, creeds and political outlooks, united in our unwavering refusal to see women enslaved.

If you care about the half of humanity that is born female ... if you remember the dark days of back-alley deaths and foreclosed lives ... if you are among the 1 in 4 women whose hopes and dreams — or even survival — has hinged on access to abortion ... if you refuse to inherit, or pass on, a world that is hurtling backwards ...

NOW is the time to hold nothing back. NOW is the time to rouse thousands and soon millions in struggle so that we can look every woman and girl in the eye with the promise in word and deed that they will have a future as *full human beings*. NOW is the time to stand up, together, as if our lives depend upon it—for, in fact, they do.

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