Sacramento, CA – The Supreme Court Decision to overturn Roe v. Wade is heartbreaking on many levels. It underscores the persistence of racial, gender, and economic inequality in our country and puts a spotlight on those making the decisions about women’s reproductive health: They are NOT the women who are most impacted by it.

This decision's devastating and long-term impacts will reverberate for decades – we will likely see more children placed in foster care or up for adoption, which is completely at odds with what we have been working towards through the Family First Prevention Services Act. We can expect that the lack of access to health care will disproportionately impact low-income women and women of color the hardest, who already experience structural racism with low-wage jobs, lack of access to health care, and affordable childcare.

In his concurring opinion, Justice Thomas clearly pointed to other rights – marriage equality and contraception – that he believes should be reconsidered by the court as well. As an organization whose members serve those that these rulings will most negatively impact, and the associated discussion of other rights, we must continue to speak out on their behalf.

The California Alliance will continue to be an unwavering voice for those impacted by decisions like the one made today. We reaffirm our commitment to support our member organizations that address urgent community needs every day.

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