Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization

Updates from the Office of MS Attorney General Lynn Fitch

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KEY ARGUMENT:

Nothing in the Constitution supports a right to abortion

It has been 234 years since the U.S. Constitution was signed in Philadelphia. On this Constitution Day, we remember that nothing in constitutional text, structure, history, or tradition supports a right to abortion. Further, no sound basis exists for the current viability guidepost that determines when states can enact limitations on abortion. *Roe* is flawed and hopelessly unworkable. It is time for the Court to let loose its hold on abortion policymaking and return it to the people, so their elected leaders can address abortion policy in a way that empowers women and promotes life. -Attorney General Lynn Fitch



WHAT WE'RE READING

Wall Street Journal: <u>The Texas Abortion Law Is Unconventional Because It Had to</u> <u>Be</u>

Opinion by Sen. Bryan Hughes (TX)

"The Heartbeat Act was necessary because *Roe v. Wade* attempted to take the question of abortion out of the hands of American democracy. Like it or not, states will keep crafting unconventional means of regulating abortion until the Supreme Court puts the question back where it belongs."

AL.com: Let's empower women and be a voice for unborn children

Opinion by Gov. Kay Ivey

"The notion that one cannot be an advocate for both women and unborn children is simply wrong. Those that pit women against their unborn babies are not advancing solutions, but instead making these children the unjustified scapegoats when we could be making real, meaningful progress, not only for the women of today, but also of tomorrow."



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ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNN FITCH

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ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNN FITCH IN THE NEWS

New York Times: <u>Supreme Court Urged to Reject Mississippi's Attack on Roe v.</u> <u>Wade</u>

"Attorney General Lynn Fitch of Mississippi, a Republican, said that the brief offered "no solid arguments in defense of Roe, and the court should overturn this flawed and hopelessly unworkable precedent."

Magee News: Taking Child Predators Offline

"Update from Lynn Fitch: Three more child predators have been sentenced for exploiting our children in cases investigated and prosecuted by our Cyber Crime Division."

