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Today, Arizonans lost their reproductive freedoms.

PHOENIX, ARIZONA—This morning, the Arizona Supreme Court released their opinion in *Planned Parenthood of Arizona v. Mayes*, lifting a stay on Arizona’s 1864 near-total ban on abortion. This ruling will completely ban abortion except in rare and undefined circumstances when a pregnant woman is literally on her deathbed.

This disturbing ruling will make it impossible for women to get sound reproductive healthcare in the State of Arizona and threatens to throw doctors and healthcare providers in jail for a minimum two-year sentence. This is in great contrast to 9 out of 10 Arizonans’ belief that abortion should be safe and legal.

Francesca Martin, co-founder of Keep Arizona Blue Student Coalition responded, “Young Arizonans are angered, disappointed, and enraged at today’s decision. Radical Supreme Court Justices and Republican state legislators have pushed to take Arizonans backward to the Civil War era, before women even had the right to vote and before slavery was abolished. To all the Arizonans who are devastated with today’s decision like I am, my heart goes out to you. Today, we will mourn this disgraceful ban on our basic reproductive freedoms. Tomorrow, we will go out and fight to restore our rights once and for all.”

This November, Keep Arizona Blue Student Coalition will be mobilizing young voters to restore reproductive freedoms in a two-pronged approach: (1) enshrining abortion access into the Arizona Constitution by passing the Arizona for Abortion Access initiative, and (2) flipping the legislature to enshrine laws that uphold reproductive freedom into state statute.

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