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Illinois State Treasurer Michael Frerichs Responds to Draft Opinion Overturning Roe v. Wade

'As the Father of a Teenage Daughter, I am Furious'

SPRINGFIELD – Illinois State Treasurer Michael Frerichs today responded to the Supreme Court draft opinion that would overturn Roe v. Wade.

“I, like most Americans, believe that personal decisions about pregnancy should be made by the woman, with the support of the people she loves and trusts. We are on the verge of having out-of-touch – and mostly male – politicians criminalizing women and doctors for making these difficult decisions,” Frerichs said.

“As the father of a teenage daughter, I am furious at the hypocritical politicians who seek to control her body and have decided that she, and every other woman in my life, and in our country, are incapable of making decisions about their own body.”

Today, the U.S. Supreme Court confirmed the authenticity of the leaked draft, which was dated in February of this year. The opinion was labeled a first draft. The Mississippi case, Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health, banned abortion after 15 weeks and, if published as-is, overturns the landmark 1973 Roe decision.

A U.S. Supreme Court opinion is not considered final until officially published.

The leaked draft was first published by Politico on Monday, May 2.

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