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**Statement by NHMA President and CEO Dr. Elena Rios on the  
Overturning of *Roe v. Wade***

**Washington, D.C., June 24, 2022** —The National Hispanic Medical Association (NHMA) staunchly condemns the United States Supreme Court’s decision to strike down *Roe v. Wade*. This ruling deliberately overlooks 50 years of legal precedent to bodily autonomy and privacy, ignoring the grave, preventable harm that violating access to abortion care will cause.

This decision will not end abortions in our country. Rather, it will reinstate the dangerous conditions that brought forth *Roe v. Wade* in the first place — conditions that suppress access to reproductive care and will result in countless injuries and deaths. The burden of this decision will fall most heavily on poor people and people of color, while the wealthy will continue to be able to access safe abortion services across state lines.

As of this morning, trigger laws resulting in near-total abortion bans have already gone into effect in over a dozen states. In Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Washington, D.C., the future of abortion care remains uncertain.

NHMA remains steadfast in our unwavering commitment to demand that Congress promptly codifies federal abortion protections into law in order to protect underserved communities.

We encourage members of the NHMA community to emphasize the resources available to patients, advocate for reproductive rights, and ensure the next vote you cast protects our communities.

Congress must act immediately.

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***About the National Hispanic Medical Association (NHMA):*** Established in 1994 in Washington D.C., NHMA is the premier non-profit membership association representing the interests of 50,000 licensed Hispanic physicians in the United States. The mission of NHMA is to empower Hispanic physician leaders to improve the health of Hispanics in the United States.