

FAMILIES USA BOARD RESOLUTION (Draft 6/28/2022)  
In Response to Dobbs v. Jackson Decision

WHEREAS, reproductive freedom, including a woman's choice to terminate her pregnancy, is a fundamental human right and the foundation for gender equality;

WHEREAS, in 1973, in Roe v Wade, the United States Supreme Court recognized a constitutional right to abortion;

WHEREAS, a rollback of reproductive rights will have devastating consequences for the health, dignity and autonomy of women, especially for low-income women and women of color, and would make health care even more unequal;

WHEREAS, the states with the most restrictive abortion policies often have the worst maternal mortality rates and the greatest health inequalities;

WHEREAS, health equity demands support both for women who decide not to continue their pregnancies and those that do; and

WHEREAS, we take this action consistent with Families USA's mission to the achievement of high-quality, affordable health care for all.

WE HEREBY RESOLVE:

1. That Families USA, in close coordination with organizations with specialized expertise in protecting and advancing family planning and abortion access, will undertake efforts to engage and support health care advocates working at the local, state and national level to advance health equity and protect reproductive freedoms.
2. That Families USA will continue its efforts to promote policies that support healthy pregnancies and early childhood development as building blocks for educational achievement, lifelong health and successful parenting of the next generation.