



BRIEFING ROOM

# Statement by President Joe Biden

MAY 03, 2022 • STATEMENTS AND RELEASES

We do not know whether this draft is genuine, or whether it reflects the final decision of the Court.

With that critical caveat, I want to be clear on three points about the cases before the Supreme Court.

First, my administration argued strongly before the Court in defense of *Roe v. Wade*. We said that *Roe* is based on “a long line of precedent recognizing ‘the Fourteenth Amendment’s concept of personal liberty’... against government interference with intensely personal decisions.” I believe that a woman’s right to choose is fundamental, *Roe* has been the law of the land for almost fifty years, and basic fairness and the stability of our law demand that it not be overturned.

Second, shortly after the enactment of Texas law SB 8 and other laws restricting women’s reproductive rights, I directed my Gender Policy Council and White House Counsel’s Office to prepare options for an Administration response to the continued attack on abortion and reproductive rights, under a variety of possible outcomes in the cases pending before the Supreme Court. We will be ready when any ruling is issued.

Third, if the Court does overturn *Roe*, it will fall on our nation’s elected officials at all levels of government to protect a woman’s right to choose. And it will fall on voters to elect pro-choice officials this November. At the federal level, we will need more pro-choice Senators and a pro-choice majority in the House to adopt legislation that codifies *Roe*, which I will work to pass and sign into law.

## Statement by Press Secretary Jen Psaki on President Biden’s Meeting with Marc and Debra Tice

MAY 02, 2022 • STATEMENTS AND RELEASES

[Next >](#)

THE WHITE HOUSE

Stay Connected

EMAIL ADDRESS\*

ZIP CODE

example@example.com

ZIP Code

Sign Up

[Home](#)  
[The Administration](#)  
[Executive Offices](#)  
[Priorities](#)

[Briefing Room](#)  
[The White House](#)  
[Get Involved](#)  
[Español](#)

[Contact Us](#)  
[Privacy Policy](#)  
[Copyright Policy](#)  
[Accessibility Statement](#)  
[Disclosures](#)

The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW  
Washington, DC 20500

WH.GOV