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## **Fort Bend County Judge KP George's Statement on U.S. Supreme Court Overturning Roe v. Wade**

**(FORT BEND, TX)** - This country, which I love, has long been the symbol of freedom for so many. People, like myself, come to this country because they are able to pursue the "American Dream", freely express themselves, and make choices according to the principles and values that they hold close. However, our democracy is under attack.

The common belief in liberty, justice, and the pursuit of happiness has been put in jeopardy. The only way that our country, based on the foundations of freedom, democracy, and justice, will prevail is if we speak out against those who embrace anti-democratic ideals and use women's rights to make political statements.

I had a conversation with my youngest daughter and one of her college-age friends following the leak of the United States Supreme Court's opinion that would strike down Roe v. Wade, I was impressed with the level of depth in which these young ladies spoke about the protection of their rights and the efforts being proposed to deny women the right to choose what they can and cannot do with their bodies.

I trust my mother, wife, and daughters to make their own health care decisions. I hope that the values I have taught my daughter will cause her to never have to make the difficult decision of choosing. However, I believe that she should have the right to make choices about her body and life. All health decisions should be made between a patient and their doctors. Period.

I believe it is not my decision, nor the government's decision to make such impactful and immutable choices for anyone. We must not remain silent when our freedoms and rights are intentionally taken away.

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