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FAMILY INSTITUTE OF CONNECTICUT RESPONDS TO DOBBS LEAK AND HB5414

Family Institute of Connecticut cautions that no decision of the U.S. Supreme Court is official or known until it is authoritatively released. However, if the leaked draft overturning *Roe v. Wade* is accurate, it will be an enormous victory for life in America. Repealing *Roe v. Wade* is the very thing pro-lifers have marched for, prayed for, worked for, and voted for these last 49 years.

Here in Connecticut, abortion will still be legal for now. The good news is that the debate over HB 5414, the Abortion Expansion Bill, has exposed cracks in the abortion industry's political support in Connecticut. They won the bill, pro-lifers won the argument.

For the first time ever, the split over abortion between the black community and the white progressives who claim to speak for them was exposed. Several black legislators pleaded with their white progressive colleagues to recognize how abortion has targeted the black community and to vote "no" on HB 5414. The refusal of the white progressives (in both parties) to listen to their black colleagues marks a turning point in the abortion debate in Connecticut.

The speeches by Rep. Trenee McGee (D-West Haven) against HB 5414, and those of her colleagues in the Black and Puerto Rican Caucus, and the possible overturning of *Roe v. Wade* proves true what Family Institute of Connecticut executive director Peter Wolfgang said at the first-ever Connecticut March for Life this year . . . "This is a new beginning for the pro-life cause in Connecticut. The fight is just getting started." And, like our friends on the national level, Connecticut's pro-lifers will not stop until every unborn child in our state is protected in law and welcomed in life.

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