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**Statement from Rachel Khanna, Incumbent Candidate for State Representative (D-149), on the Supreme Court Decisions Pertaining to Abortion Medication Access and Emergency Abortion Care**

“As relieved as I was by the Supreme Court’s June 13 decision upholding access to a safe and commonly used abortion medication and today’s dismissal that temporarily allows safeguarding the mother’s health as an exception to Idaho’s near-total abortion ban, it is appalling to think that this is what now represents “wins” for women in America. These rulings defer deciding the merits of these cases until after the November election.

Women will not be safe and equal members of our democracy until we have regained our right to decide if, when, and how to become a parent. We will not be safe and equal members of our democracy until we have full access to the care we require to protect our fertility, health, and our lives. We will not be safe and equal members of our democracy until our destiny is ours to determine.

These two SCOTUS decisions, while critically important to women right now, are momentary reprieves and the steady drumbeat of court cases, and new restrictive abortion laws around the country, make it unequivocally clear where we are. Abortion care is in peril—at every stage, by every means, and in every circumstance, even when the mother’s health is in jeopardy. We must stand firm in defense of reproductive rights in Connecticut and around our country.”

Rachel Khanna is State Representative in Connecticut’s 149th district who is running for re-election. She serves on the Reproductive Rights Caucus. Before running for office, she volunteered as a patient escort at Planned Parenthood in Stamford.

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