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**Reproductive justice advocates brace for attacks  
on Roe v. Wade**

*Statement from New Voices for Reproductive Justice*

PITTSBURGH — Sunday, January 22 was the anniversary of the passage of Roe v. Wade, the landmark Supreme Court case that legalized abortion. La'Tasha D. Mayes, executive director of New Voices for Reproductive Justice, released the following statement:

“Today, Roe v. Wade is more endangered than ever before. The new administration has promised to dismantle reproductive rights, including calls to reverse the decision that has protected our rights to health care and bodily autonomy for 44 years.

“Black women, women of color, low-income women and young people will disproportionately bear the weight of such attacks on reproductive health care and abortion access. We will continue to fight and organize for accessible, compassionate health care and abortion, but our strategies need to change.

“Black women are leading the reproductive justice movement through the Trump administration. We are already organizing through *In Our Own Voice: National Black Women’s Reproductive Justice Agenda*, a national policy partnership elevating the voices of Black women on Capitol Hill.

“We know that attacks are not only at the national level. Abortion bans are already being introduced in states across the country. Efforts to bar Medicaid funds from being used for essential health services provided by from Planned Parenthood and other family planning and reproductive health care providers will directly affect Black women in communities from coast to coast. We have already seen the passage of a medically unnecessary abortion ban in Ohio and we know there are more to come.

“We are fighting back against the attacks. New Voices for Reproductive Justice held a screening in Pittsburgh through our *Just Films Pittsburgh* series showing the documentary, “[Trapped](#),” which chronicles abortion providers and advocates’ efforts to counter legislation that restricts abortion access.

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We also held an event in Philadelphia, called “Resist & Slay: The Movement in Motion,” a gathering of Black women, women of color and LGBTQIA+ people of color to connect with activists and meet with community leaders. On January 28, we will be working with Girls Justice League on a training, “Roe v. Wade: From Hyde to the Affordable Care Act” to engage Black girls as the next generation of reproductive justice leaders. As part of the Freedom of Choice Cleveland Coalition, we will also host an event called “Roe Together” on February 9, which will include a speakers’ panel about attacks on reproductive rights as well as an activist ‘bootcamp’ providing opportunities to engage in reproductive health advocacy work.

“Black women are gearing up, not backing down. We are building the movement to stop the attacks and make reproductive health care, including abortion, accessible to all.”

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*New Voices for Reproductive Justice* is the premier Reproductive Justice and Human Rights organization across Pennsylvania and Ohio with a mission to build a social change movement dedicated to the health and well-being of Black women and girls, the leadership of women of color and the Human Rights of marginalized communities. For the last 12 years, New Voices has served 75,000+ women of color through leadership development, community organizing, policy advocacy and culture change. We define Reproductive Justice as the Human Right of all women/people to control about our bodies, sexuality, gender, work and reproduction. To learn more about New Voices for Reproductive Justice, visit [newvoicespittsburgh.org](http://newvoicespittsburgh.org) and follow @NewVoices4RJ.