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Universal Health Care Foundation: SCOTUS decision on abortion will cause more to harm to Black & Brown women and their loved ones

Today's Supreme Court decision to dismantle access to safe reproductive health options, namely terminating a pregnancy, for women across the nation prompts a swift reaction from Universal Health Care Foundation of Connecticut and pro-choice advocates.

"Let me be clear that this decision to criminalize access to a safe abortion will cause more harm to Black, Brown and low-income women across our nation and their loved ones," said Frances G. Padilla, president of Universal Health Care Foundation of Connecticut.

"Women have the wisdom to decide for themselves. Political barriers to care are harmful and discriminatory," said Padilla. Padilla is a former board member and chair of Planned Parenthood of Southern New England.

Studies show that abortion restrictions already harm Black, Brown and low-income women the most. This disproportionate impact is the direct result of historic racism, ongoing white supremacy, and coercive reproductive policies.

Universal Health Care Foundation of Connecticut believes that every woman should have equitable access to a full range of reproductive health care options, including abortion.

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