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JSOG Statement:

**Regarding Our Protest of the U.S. Supreme Court's Decision to Overturn
the Roe v. Wade**

On June 26, 2022, the United States Supreme Court issued a decision reversing the 1973 "Roe v. Wade" decision, which recognized women's right to an abortion. In the United States, a woman's right to an abortion and the period of time during which it can be performed are set by state law. Recently, the Supreme Court ruled that laws banning abortion are constitutional, meaning that abortions will no longer be available in Kentucky, Louisiana, Arkansas, South Dakota, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Alabama. It is expected that other states will pass anti-abortion laws in the future, meaning that women with the economic means to cross state or national borders will do for their abortions, but those who do not have the economic means to do this will not be able to exercise their right to abortions. Pregnancy and childbirth can put the life of the mother in danger, and for women who do not wish to have a child, banning abortions may force them to give up their position in society, health, and even their lives.

Sexual and reproductive health/rights (SRHR) are fundamental rights that guarantee that all people can have as many, or as few children as they want, at the time they want. Access to safe, quality abortions for all women is an important SRHR. As women's health professionals, we hope that all women across the world be guaranteed the right to freely choose to have abortions. We firmly oppose this violation of women's human rights in the United States.

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