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Delaware Nurses Association Responds to Overturn of Roe vs. Wade and Delaware's Actions Related to Reproductive Health

NEWARK, DE – June 30, 2022 – The Delaware Nurses Association (DNA) announced the release of a policy statement related to [sexual and reproductive health](#) as guidance for nurses. With this statement, DNA affirms that abortion is a reproductive health alternative that nurses and other providers can discuss when counseling patients. DNA does not support the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe vs. Wade. We have serious concerns about the confidentiality of, access to and safety of reproductive health services across the nation.

We echo the statement of American Nurses Association Enterprise CEO Loressa Cole, DNP, MBA, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN, "ANA is deeply disappointed in the decision to upend Roe vs. Wade, which we view as a legal protection of basic reproductive health rights and human rights."

"DNA would like to express our appreciation to Governor John Carney Jr., Representative Melissa Minor-Brown, Representative Debra Heffernan, members of the 151st Delaware General Assembly and community leaders and advocates for taking prompt action to increase access and put safeguards in place for both those providing and receiving abortion services in Delaware," stated DNA executive director Christopher E. Otto, MSN, RN, CHFN, PCCN, CCRN. "House Bills 320 and 455 allow more community members to access safe reproductive health services. At DNA, we support efforts to ensure all nurses can work to the full extent of their education, training, certification and licensure."

Nurses are the most trusted and largest of all licensed health professionals. Nurses have an ethical obligation to safeguard the right to privacy for individuals, families, and communities, allowing for decision making that is based on full information without coercion. DNA will continue to advocate for reproductive justice and sexual health that supports a patient's decision and rights in a just society.

ABOUT THE DELAWARE NURSES ASSOCIATION

Founded in 1911, DNA is the premier leading professional association bringing together, and advancing the profession of nursing for over 100 years, creating healthier communities for all Delawareans. We are the only professional association in Delaware representing all Licensed Practical Nurses, Registered Nurses, and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses. We continue to advance health through the art and science of nursing supported by diverse members, advocacy, influence, professional development, generation of new knowledge, communication, service, and history.

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