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Dear Elizabeth,

Today is a dark day in America.

I am heartbroken and outraged over the Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade. We knew this day was coming, but that didn't make it any easier to learn that the Supreme Court has officially overturned our right to our own bodily autonomy. Our right to decide on when, and how, and how often, to start a family. Our right to choose, for ourselves, what happens to our own bodies.

Abortion is still legal in Virginia, but the future of abortion rights here is hanging on by a thread. I'm heartbroken today, but I also want to turn that heartbreak into action.

We need to work to make sure we protect anyone who needs reproductive health care across our entire Commonwealth. I remain committed to protecting the right to safe and accessible abortions. I will support and sponsor legislation guaranteeing Virginians have access to essential reproductive health care, including a constitutional amendment to protect the right to abortion. I will continue to vote against anti-abortion bills, as I did this session. I will also work

to elect (and re-elect) colleagues who share these values and want Virginians to have the right to safe and accessible healthcare, including abortions.

If you are able and would like to donate to organizations that provide abortion access to Virginians I have included some links below:

- [DC Abortion Fund](#)
- [Blue Ridge Abortion Fund](#)
- [Hampton Roads Reproductive Justice League](#)
- [New River Abortion Access Fund](#)
- [Richmond Reproductive Freedom Project](#)

Today is a difficult day that comes after a difficult month with far too many tragedies across our country, as we simultaneously try to emerge from a global pandemic. Do whatever you need to rest and prepare; we're going to fight this together.

Warmly,
Elizabeth

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