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**Statement: Kam Buckner on Supreme Court's Decision to Overturn Roe v Wade**

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CHICAGO - Candidate for Mayor Kam Buckner released the following statement today in response to the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade:

"The Supreme Court's decision to overturn a constitutional right that has protected the health of women and entire families for decades is rooted in misogyny and extreme political views. Because of that, our nation is grieving the loss of a woman's fundamental right to make her own healthcare decisions.

"Access to healthcare helps put women – particularly Black women – on a path to economic opportunity. That's just one of the many reasons I co-sponsored the Reproductive Health Care Act as a state legislator, a law that protects a woman's right to choose in Illinois no matter what happens at the federal level. I'll carry that commitment and fight for women as Mayor of Chicago.

"Today is a somber day for women's rights and opens the door for more rollbacks on foundational freedoms. Justice Thomas' concurring opinion suggests the Court will next look to reconsider decisions protecting same-sex marriage and access to contraception.

"As Illinois closes in on Primary Election Day, today's decision is a grave reminder that voting matters. Elections matter. Donald Trump gave us three politically conservative justices on the Supreme Court: Gorsuch, Kavanaugh and Coney Barrett – the consequences of which will be felt for generations to come."

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