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Dear Partners,

At the Greater Rochester Health Foundation, we believe in the fundamental importance of individuals' privacy and self-determination in making their own health care decisions, together with their providers. Health equity demands that all persons have genuine access to the full array of legal and medically accepted reproductive health care services.

Right now, there is an urgent need to address misperceptions and clarify that **the Supreme Court's recent decision has no bearing on access to abortion care, which remains legal, in New York state.**

Nevertheless, inequities in reproductive health continue to exist in our region. We face a worsening maternal morbidity and mortality crisis that disproportionately impacts Black and Latina women ([see ACT Rochester](#)) -- part of the wider public health crisis of racism. People of color and those with low income continue to face greater barriers to obtaining reproductive health services. Increasing awareness of available services and ensuring access to care are critical pieces of addressing these health inequities.

We are grateful to the many organizations working on the frontlines of reproductive health and increasing access to services, and proud to support such programs and initiatives. We will continue learning from our partners and being responsive to the issues and needs in this area.

In solidarity,

Greater Rochester Health Foundation Staff and Board

Please consider sharing the following resources with the communities you serve:

[Anthony Jordan Health Center](#)

[Healthy Baby Network](#)
[New York State: Know Your Rights](#)
[New York: Reproductive Health Mental Health Resources](#)
[NYCLU resource page](#)
[Rochester Regional – Reproductive Health Services](#)
[Reproductive Health Services - URMC](#)
[The LARC Initiative - URMC](#)
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