

Today Congressman Quigley issued the following statement on the 37th Anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision:

"Thirty-seven years ago today, the Supreme Court issued its opinion in Roe v. Wade, making abortion legal in the United States. The Court's decision recognized a fundamental, constitutional right to privacy that protects a woman's personal decisions from governmental interference. This landmark decision greatly advanced women's rights, but we must **never** take those rights for granted.

Because as I speak, there are groups bent on taking away those rights. Opponents of women's rights are attempting to hijack the healthcare reform bill, and use it as a vehicle to curtail access to reproductive healthcare. We cannot and will not allow women's reproductive rights to be sacrificed for healthcare reform.

Thirty-seven years ago we took a historic step forward for women's reproductive rights. Now we are on the brink of another historic step. But we must ensure that a move forward for healthcare does not result in a step backward for choice – a step backward for Roe v. Wade."