

IATSE Local 80
District 2 June 2022

In the Matter of Support for Reproductive Rights

WHEREAS, in many state legislatures, bills have recently been introduced for the purpose of repealing or drastically modifying the existing criminal codes with respect to the termination of unwanted pregnancies;

WHEREAS, on 22 January 1973 the U.S. Supreme Court declared that We recognize the right of the individual, married or single, to be free from unwarranted governmental intervention into matters fundamentally affecting a person such as the decision whether to bear or beget a child. That right necessarily includes the right of a woman to decide whether or not to terminate her pregnancy;

WHEREAS, the current Supreme Court reportedly plans to overturn *Roe v. Wade* and deny millions of American women the right to safe, legal and accessible abortion; and

WHEREAS, the right to conduct scientific research on abortion and reproductive health has been impeded by governmental restrictions and is further threatened by other disturbing attacks;

WHEREAS, reproductive justice, including abortion rights, is a human rights issue that links to social, structural, and cultural inequalities. A reproductive justice framework includes economic, health, environmental, and social justice issues that need to be considered within the scope of autonomy, agency, family planning, empowerment, and control;

WHEREAS, we continue to support the 50-year-old *Roe v. Wade* precedent and that court's holding of a woman's fundamental, constitutional right to privacy that protects her right to choose, up to the point of fetal viability, whether to have an abortion;

WHEREAS, on May 5th, 2022 in an excerpt from a press release entitled "IATSE Sisters, Brothers, Kin stand for Liberty and Justice for ALL", the IATSE made the following statement; "We stand together as sisters, brothers, and kin to ensure liberty and justice for ALL. We call on lawmakers at all levels to defend reproductive healthcare and Americans' other fundamental freedoms immediately, or face being replaced by those who will."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

We affirm its denunciation of abortion restrictions and commitment to obtaining reproductive justice (e.g., including equal access to affordable contraception, comprehensive sex education, freedom from sexual violence, and surveillance and accountability of systems to prevent reproductive human rights abuses) for

childbearing individuals with particular emphasis on individuals from marginalized communities;

We urge local, state, and federal policymakers to safeguard the reproductive rights of all women and implement reforms to address oppressive policies.

Respectfully submitted by the Delegates of Local 80:

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