

## The American Academy of Nursing Statement on the Leaked SCOTUS Draft Majority Opinion on Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization

**Washington, D.C.** (May 6, 2022) – The American Academy of Nursing (Academy) has a longstanding record of promoting equitable access to health care for every individual, including reproductive health services, and supporting policies that ensure those services are protected. News of the leaked Supreme Court draft majority opinion on *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* and its arguments has created grave concern for the future of safe reproductive care as well as the privacy between a patient and their provider. Eliminating access to any element of reproductive care creates a significant health inequity across the social and demographic spectrum. The precedent established from *Roe v. Wade* has been the law for the last 50 years and overturning it dismantles access across the country, within all communities.

The Academy reaffirms our commitment to safeguard access to health care for all, including reproductive care, without interference of the patient-provider relationship. As the Supreme Court deliberations continue, the Academy is committed to advancing safe and accessible reproductive health care services as well as policies that achieve health equity, reduce maternal mortality, eliminate racism, and improve health care delivery for all.