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Senator Kapenga's Statement Concerning United States Supreme Court Decision Reversing *Roe v. Wade*

[Madison, WI] — Senator Chris Kapenga (R-Delafield) issued the following statement concerning today's decision by the United States Supreme Court reversing *Roe v. Wade*.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all people are created equal, and that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, and among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." These words, from the Declaration of Independence, are also woven into the very fabric of our great Constitution.

"The fundamental role of government in this country, and in this state, is to protect the rights of the individual. These rights are never subservient to government, the masses, or another individual, as seen in other lesser forms of government. Our individual liberties are the foundation to our Republic.

"In light of the United States Supreme Court decision, the fundamental question every person needs to ask is this: At what point does an individual life begin and take on this protection of rights?

"Wisconsin statute specifies that an "unborn child" is a human being from the time of conception until it is born alive. And, if there is a medical issue where the life of the mother is in jeopardy, the life of the mother can be saved. These statutes are now in effect.

"If we breach the established doctrine of individual rights at the point of when life begins, even if the circumstances around that life are less than ideal, or even outright terrible, we infringe upon the rights of that individual and it becomes a dangerous world where government decides who is worthy of living.

"Unless there is evidence indicating that those who came before us made an error, I will support Wisconsin's current law that protects the right to Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness for every unborn child."

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Senator Kapenga represents the 33rd Senate District, which covers most of central Waukesha County and Lake Country.