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Arizona House Republican Leaders Praise Supreme Court Decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Case*, Affirm Commitment to Protect Life

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – Arizona House Republican Leadership made the following statement regarding the United States Supreme Court's landmark decision today in *Dobbs v. Jackson*, and affirmed the commitment of House Republicans to protect life in Arizona:

"The Supreme Court's decision today was the right one, returning to the people and their state legislatures the difficult and contested questions that *Roe v. Wade* wrongly removed from the democratic process half a century ago. Our commitment to protect life remains resolute, and our work of building a true culture of life will continue."

Over the last two legislative sessions, House Republicans have approved numerous measures and added new funding to support women's health, including:

- Adding \$8.9 million to expand AHCCCS eligibility for women up to one year postpartum.
- Expanding the newborn screening program to increase the number of disorders included in the screening.
- Adding \$300,000 for homeless pregnant women services, bringing the total funding to \$500,000 in FY 2023.
- Establishing the Maternal Mental Health Advisory Committee to recommend improvements for screening and treating maternal mental health disorders.
- Adding \$10 million to increase AHCCCS ob/gyn provider rates by 88%.

During the same period, House Republicans have also approved several measures to expand the safety net for Arizona families, including:

- Allowing Kidscare members to remain eligible for 12 months to ensure no interruption of coverage.
- Increasing the monthly Kinship Stipend from \$75 to \$300.
- Increasing the Foster Child Daily Stipend from \$1.41 to \$2.82.

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