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CAMP Rehoboth Statement on SCOTUS Decision to Overturn *Roe v. Wade*

CAMP Rehoboth Community Center Board of Directors and Interim Director Lisa Evans issued the following statement in response to the six to three United States Supreme Court decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, which overturns the constitutional right to abortion as recognized for nearly 50 years in the landmark cases of *Roe v. Wade* and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*:

Celebrating diversity, building a strong sense of community, and 'creating a more positive' environment for people of all sexual orientations and gender identities has always been at the heart of the CAMP Rehoboth's mission. That is why CAMP Rehoboth Community Center is devastated and angered by the US Supreme Court's decision to overturn the constitutional right to abortion formerly guaranteed by *Roe v. Wade* and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*. This decision will have devastating consequences for LGBTQ+ people, who all need safe access to reproductive care.

Additionally, it is abundantly clear that the table is now set for more SCOTUS opinions that may allow states to eventually reverse marriage equality, outlaw contraception, criminalize same-sex relations, and even ban interracial marriage. Because reproductive rights, LGBTQ+ rights, and social justice are inextricably grounded in the 14th Amendment to the United States Constitution, the *Dobbs* decision raises alarm about the Court's ability to dismantle other rights related to LGBTQ+ families that are also grounded in the 14th Amendment and for which LGBTQ+ people have fought long and hard to win, including the right to marry.

"The Court's opinion is appalling, shocking, and frightening because it opens the doors for a dangerous assault on all constitutional rights involving privacy, liberty, and autonomy," said CAMP Rehoboth Interim Director Lisa Evans. "At a time when the introduction of anti-LGBTQ legislation across the country is at an all-time high, we need to ensure that every person has access to the care they need, and the power to control their own body and life."

CAMP Rehoboth Community Center is incredibly thankful that Delaware's General Assembly has already codified *Roe v. Wade* and marriage equality in our state law. Now it is up to members of Delaware's LGBTQ+ community to further safeguard rights by standing with all persons who fear the dangerous consequences of this decision, many of whom are already organizing a response. Anyone having their rights threatened will always have an ally in CAMP Rehoboth Community Center. CAMP Rehoboth urges all to use anger to advocate in the legislatures, in the courts, and in the streets, while still continuing to provide a safe and welcoming space in the heart of Rehoboth Beach and in the heart of Delaware.