

UNI Americas Women's Committee declaration on the right of self-determination and freedom of choice of the women in the United States of America

The current situation in the United States of America, where the Supreme Court has overturned the Roe v. Wade decision, is a clear attack on women's reproductive rights and a concern for working women in the Americas. This decision overturns decades of women's gains in access to sexual and reproductive services and reinforces an already alarming trend around the world where other governments find it necessary to legislate and limit women's rights.

Data shows that restricting access to abortion does not reduce the number of abortions. In fact, restrictions are more likely to push women towards unsafe procedures. According to World Health Organization data, in countries where abortions are most restricted, only 1 in 4 abortions are safe, compared to nearly 9 in 10 in countries where the procedure are widely legal.

Banning abortions can result in unsafe procedures that are accompanied by physical and mental complications, as well as social and economic burdens for women, affecting communities and health care systems. Deepening systemic inequality and the difficulty of consolidating strong democracies.

The UNI Americas Women's Committee strongly condemns this attack on women's reproductive rights, self-determination and freedom of choice. On behalf of millions of women service sector workers, we oppose any measure that undermines women's human rights. Furthermore, we point out that these attacks are the result of the rise of the extreme right wing and other anti-democratic movements that exploits women to advance their political agendas.

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