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### **Statement on the Recent Passage of Alabama Abortion Bill**

**Austin, Texas** - The Alabama Senate approved a measure on Tuesday that would outlaw almost all abortions in the state. If signed by Governor Kay Ivey, it would be one of the most restrictive abortion bans in the United States. We condemn the passage of this abortion ban bill as an attack to all women and the far-reaching consequences such a bill will have.

*University Democrats issued the following statement:*

“Tonight, we have seen what is effectively an abortion outlaw bill pass the Alabama state senate. This bill will have significant consequences for the women of Alabama when it comes to them being able to get abortions in the state. We unequivocally condemn this passage of the bill, and we urge Alabama Governor Kay Ivey to veto the bill as soon as it comes to her desk.

The right for women to choose what they decide to do with their bodies is a right that the Supreme Court case *Roe v. Wade* established in 1973, but this bill seeks to directly challenge this court ruling. This is a direct invitation for this new current SCOTUS to tackle the issue in abortion that could have very dangerous ramifications across the entire country.

We also stand with our fellow students in UT who rely on services such as abortion as many states across this country seek to restrict, or sadly even outright ban, abortion as we have seen tonight with Alabama. We will always fight to make sure that a woman’s access to abortion and other reproductive services are never impeded by state and federal laws, as women’s rights are human rights.”

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