

## Anniversary of Roe v. Wade

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Sunday, January 22, 2012, marked the 39th anniversary of the historic Supreme Court ruling in *Roe v. Wade*, 410 U.S. 113 (1973); a landmark decision protecting reproductive rights of women all across the country. Despite decades of jurisprudence cementing the decision, the House Republican Majority that took office last January has consistently threatened to strip these fundamental rights protected by the Ninth Amendment. Last year alone, rather than focus on the economy, the Republican controlled-House of Representatives passed 69-anti-choice bills attempting to undermine essential reproductive health services offered to women. Over that same time period, Republicans failed to pass even one jobs bill that would ease our unemployment situation. I expect the Republicans to continue their attacks, meaning that that now more than ever, it is essential that we defend a woman's reproductive freedom.

I have worked tirelessly throughout my career to safeguard women's rights, supporting policies and programs that educate women on safe and effective health practices, as well as expanding responsible sex education in schools. I urge you to stand with me as I continue to protect and defend women's rights.