

Abortion

Stare decisis, the doctrine on which *Casey's* controlling opinion was based, does not compel adherence to *Roe's* abuse of judicial authority.

Roe was egregiously wrong from the start. Its reasoning was exceptionally weak, and the decision has had damaging consequences. And far from bringing about a national settlement of the abortion issue, *Roe* and *Casey* have enflamed debate and deepened division.

It is time to heed the Constitution and return the issue of abortion to the people's elected representatives.

**Samuel Alito, February 10, 2022,
initial draft of the Supreme Court's
decision to overturn *Roe v Wade***