



# NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

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For Native women, Two-Spirit people, and people with uterus, the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health* decision, and the broad civil and criminal liability *Dobbs* will allow to restrict abortion, is just the latest blow in a centuries long history of government abuse against Native women and Two-Spirit peoples' bodies, autonomy, self-determination, and traditional health practices.

Forced sterilization, the use of experimental contraceptive therapies without informed consent, underfunded health care programs that do not provide adequate access to health care including for victims of violent crimes, and federal assimilation policy resulting in the loss of traditional reproductive health knowledge and practices—this has all resulted in generations of Native families suffering the highest infant and maternal mortality and morbidity rates in the country.

Even before *Dobbs*, Native people living on and off tribal lands have not had adequate access to reproductive health services, including abortion services and services for victims of violent sex crimes, despite the federal government's trust responsibility to provide this care in many cases.

By overturning *Roe v. Wade*, the Supreme Court has begun a new chapter in the suffering of Native people, their families, and their communities, which are already operating in crises with respect to reproductive health. NNABA urges tribal, federal, state, and local governments to urgently take steps to meet the reproductive health needs of Native people, enact the laws and regulations required to ensure reproductive justice, and protect the numerous human rights at stake for Native women and Two-Spirit people.

The National Native American Bar Association (NNABA) was founded in 1973 and serves as the national association for Native American attorneys, judges, law professors and law students, tribal court practitioners, and tribal advocates and strives to be a leader on social, cultural, political and legal issues affecting American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians. NNABA's work is centered on representation of indigenous communities and individuals, broadly covering issues important to the Native American community.