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Rep. Sargent: Honoring the 44th Anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*

(MADISON) – Representative Sargent released the following statement in honor of the 44th anniversary of the Supreme Court’s *Roe v. Wade* decision:

“On the 44th Anniversary of the *Roe v. Wade* decision, I am grateful that I was able to decide when I wanted to start a family. I grew up always wanting to be a mom, and because of *Roe v. Wade* and how it changed the discourse on access to abortion, contraception, and affordable health care, I was able to make the best decision for myself, my pregnancy, and my family.

“Having the opportunity to choose the right time to start my family enabled me to meet other important goals like graduating college, starting a small business, and becoming a State Representative. I might not have been able to do those things had I been unable to make decisions about myself and my pregnancy.

“As we continue to have conversations about abortion and contraception now more than forty years after *Roe*, I know my story is not unique, and I look forward to continuing to fight to preserve these choices and to make sure every woman can make decisions about her health and her family with access to abortion, contraception, and affordable health care just as I did.

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