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## **The Fight to Protect Reproductive Rights**

On Monday night, the release of a draft Supreme Court decision that would overturn *Roe v. Wade* confirmed what many of us have feared— a radical majority on the United States Supreme Court is prepared to undo 50 years of precedent and deny women the right to decide if and when to have a family, to make their own health care decisions, and to chart their own course in life.

Women and men across New Hampshire believe that people should have the right to control what happens to their own bodies, to exercise personal autonomy, and to enjoy the blessings of liberty. **These rights are fundamental to being an American.**

The Supreme Court opinion as drafted would return women to the role of second class citizens in the world's greatest democracy. While the protections of *Roe* still remain in place for now, a world without *Roe* looms. This draft decision envisions a world in which the government can place new controls on a woman's body. It asserts that it is acceptable for lawmakers and bureaucrats to tell women who confront an unplanned or potentially dangerous pregnancy that they must continue the pregnancy, regardless of what their doctors say or what they understand to be best for themselves and their family. More than anything else, the draft decision tells women that they cannot be trusted to make intensely personal decisions.

In sum, in the view of this Supreme Court majority, women are not to be treated as full and equal citizens in our democracy.

While politicians in Concord and Washington are working to outlaw abortion and subject women and doctors to criminal penalties for exercising their best personal and medical judgment, I will continue to fight for reproductive

freedom and the recognition of the capacity of women to make their own decisions—in every aspect of their lives. Congress must enshrine *Roe v. Wade* as the law of the land and protect the right of every woman to make her own health care decisions.

Next week, we will vote on codifying *Roe v. Wade*. I look forward to voting yes, but we know that we have an uphill battle in front of us. With the equality of women in our country under attack and on the line, I will never stop fighting for their full inclusion in our democracy and society.

With every good wish,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Maggie Hassan" followed by a horizontal line.

Senator Maggie Hassan

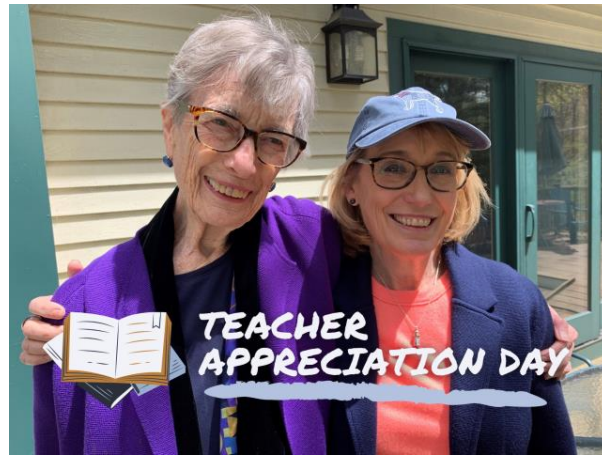
## What the Senator is Working On

Following the example that the people of New Hampshire set every day, Senator Hassan has worked to find common ground in the Senate. And because of that, she was named the most bipartisan Senator in 2021 by the nonpartisan Lugar Center. She secured a Republican co-sponsor for all 48 bills that she introduced in 2021 and received the top score of any Democrat in history. [Read more.](#)

With her colleague Senator Collins, Senator Hassan introduced bipartisan legislation to make it easier for families to save for college. Her Helping Parents Save for College Act would cut taxes for families who put away money for college and expand opportunities for our students. [Read more.](#)

During a Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee hearing, Senator Hassan questioned VA officials on issues important to Granite State veterans, including boosting veteran employment, addressing a backlog of volunteers, and ensuring whistleblower protections. [Read more.](#)

## Photo of the Week



Senator Hassan comes from a family of educators, and this #TeacherAppreciationWeek, she thanked her mom Peggy – who taught high school history – and the inspiring educators across the Granite State for working every day for our children to thrive.

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