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Op-Ed: Abortion Ban ‘Exceptions’ Cannot Protect Life

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The Supreme Court’s decision to overturn Roe vs. Wade has already set into motion legal processes to criminalize abortion in at least [15 states](#), with immediate and catastrophic health consequences for pregnant people.

Antiabortion lawmakers argue that the “exceptions” written into many of these laws — most commonly permitting abortion to save the life of the pregnant person or to prevent a severe health risk — will keep women safe. In reality, these exceptions fail to ensure access to necessary medical care and the policies will ultimately increase pregnancy complications, illness and death.