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NAACP DC JOINS BLACK WOMEN LEADERS FOR VOTING RIGHTS & REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE CALL TO ACTION AT U.S. SUPREME COURT

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The NAACP DC Branch joins Black Women Leader & Allies for VOTING RIGHTS & REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE CALL TO ACTION on Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at 9:30am at U.S. Supreme Court located at 1 First Street, NE Washington, DC. Join Black Women Leader & Allies for a Day of Action at the U.S. Supreme Court to demand Congress protect our voting rights, reproductive rights and freedom. Join us by urging Congress to protect our voting rights and protect reproductive rights NOW! Call your U. S. Senator TODAY at (202) 224-3121!

Without the protection of Roe V. Wade, DC would be subject to increased interference of congressional lawmakers from all 50 states who would be able to ban abortions in the district regardless of the decision of district residents and local D.C Government. DC residents would be uniquely impacted by this decision, without Statehood for the District of Columbia. Statehood is a matter of life and death for many residents of the District of Columbia because it is a public health and racial justice issue. All laws passed by the DC Council and signed by the Mayor are subject to review and veto by Congress. In addition to veto power, Congress is also able to create its own legislation and force legislative authority on DC residents by riders or passing bills through the House, Senate and POTUS. Reproductive health care in DC is in crisis. DC residents are denied the autonomy to build our own health care systems and make our own choices about their bodies. The District of Columbia has the 5th worst overall maternal mortality rate in the nation. African-Americans are over 50%, of the District's residential population. White DC residents have a maternal mortality rate of nearly zero. DC's lack of autonomy continues to risk the health of residents.

Akosua Ali, NAACP DC Branch President, stated, "We must fight to protect Reproductive Rights now! We will not be silenced. We cannot allow overturning of reproductive freedom. It's time to step up and fight back! Questioning a woman's right to choose in 2022 is appalling and abhorrent. The potential of the overturning Roe v. Wade is a fierce reminder that our votes matter. This also reaffirms the need for Statehood as a fundamental right to protect the rights of women in the District of Columbia."

#BlackWomenTakeAction #ProtectVotingRightsNOW #ProtectReproductiveRightsNOW

For more information, please visit www.BlackWomenTakeAction.org.