



ROE V WADE AND THE SATANIC TEMPLE RELIGIOUS REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

The news that *Roe v Wade* has been overturned is extremely distressing. The Satanic Temple (TST) has nevertheless positioned itself to try to protect religious abortion access for our members.

In states that continue to provide abortion services, we will take steps, including legal action, to ensure our members do not have to endure hindrances to access. That includes waiting periods and unnecessary medical procedures. In addition, we will continue to demand that states do not require medical practitioners to withhold medical information or that patients are not forced to bury or cremate fetal remains. Lastly, in states that require mandatory abortion counseling documents, we will be providing our own counseling, which we are demanding be recognized by states as a valid alternative.

In states that outlaw abortion but grant exceptions for instances of incest and rape, then, consistent with the Supreme Court's ruling in *Fulton v. City of Philadelphia*, TST members should be permitted a religious exception to perform TST's religious abortion ritual. We will have to sue those states to affirm our civil rights, but the law is clearly on our side. States that outlaw abortion and do not grant exceptions present more significant challenges. You can read about our current lawsuits here: <https://thesatanictemple.com/pages/legal-action>.

TST also has a number of plans that we will be undertaking quite soon. First, we will be suing the FDA to permit TST unrestricted access to Mifepristone and Misoprostol for use under medical supervision as part of our religious abortion ritual. This request is being made under Federal RFRA. Unfettered access to these drugs would be a considerable step toward enabling TST to perform our abortion ritual without government interference. Again, the law is clearly on our side, but we are gearing up for a legal battle.

Lastly, TST is researching the possibility of creating its own religious abortion facilities. We will provide more information about this plan as it develops.

If you are interested in volunteering, please don't hesitate to reach out to RRR@thesatanictemple.com. You can support TST here: <https://thesatanictemple.com/pages/fundraiser>

We are committed to assisting our members, and we appreciate the loyalty and support we receive.

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