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Kirsten Engel Comments on Arizona Civil War-era Ban Being Repealed

Engel expresses commitment to continuing to fight for reproductive right

TUCSON, AZ — Arizona’s long-awaited repeal of the 1864 criminal abortion ban put in place by the Arizona Supreme Court last April was finally repealed this past weekend. Engel’s opponent, Juan Ciscomani, has been touted as [one of the architects](#) of the Ducey-packed Supreme Court that reinstated this archaic law. The state still has a 15-week abortion ban in place that has now gone into effect.

“Let’s be clear that women in Arizona are still living under a strict, draconian ban,” **stated Engel**. “The current law in Arizona does not allow for exceptions for rape or incest, and women are sick and tired of the government making decisions on their behalf when it comes to their own bodies. The Ciscomani-packed courts reminded us all what leaving abortion law to the states can look like. When I am elected to Congress, it will be my top priority to restore *Roe v. Wade* as the law of the land, just as it was for over 50 years. ”

A long-time advocate for abortion rights, Engel is proud to have the endorsements of top national organizations who work tirelessly to protect this fundamental right, such as Planned Parenthood, EMILY’s List, and Reproductive Freedom for All.

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Kirsten Engel is a mom, an environmental attorney, and a former State Legislator who has fought for years to restore funding to public schools, protect Arizona’s natural resources, and make our communities safer. She’s ready to take that fight to Washington to find common-sense solutions to the challenges we’re facing here in Arizona’s Sixth Congressional District.