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Letter to the Editor in support of Planned Parenthood and abortion

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Roe rebuttal by Donna Myers

The *very* long pro-life letter of June 4 [“Revoking *Roe v. Wade*,” Pro-Life Waco director John Pisciotta] leaves out a number of facts. If the path to safe abortions is blocked, only women of means will be able to have one. Women of low income who have no vehicle or cannot take off work for several days to drive to some place offering safe abortions are out of luck. People who have no idea what life is like for many women are destroying a woman’s right to choose what happens to her own body.

Revocation of *Roe v. Wade* will not reduce abortions. Those who want *Roe v. Wade* overturned have the skewed notion that abolishing abortion is the answer. It’s not. As a supporter of Planned Parenthood, I shudder to think of how many women will be butchered by back-room abortions because the people responsible for those types of abortions are now gleeful at the thought of how much money they will make. It happened before *Roe v. Wade* and it will happen again. If *Roe v. Wade* is reversed or states make abortions impossible, more women will die from complications as opposed to women who receive the procedure from reputable health-care professionals.

The letter also failed to mention what happens to unwanted children, but then the author’s interest seemed limited to pregnant women. The fact is women who are unable to provide for their children receive services such as welfare, food stamps and low-income housing. The pro-life lobby seems to forget about this, including the vehemence and contempt so many Americans regularly voice for the poor in our country. As a licensed social worker for 36 years, I’ve seen what happens to unwanted children and people who must depend on the government to simply exist. It’s an ugly picture.

Maybe the author of the letter has missed the great crowds of people demanding the right to make decisions about their bodies. So the argument made in the letter of June 4 is one of colossal bias with no thought of walking in someone else’s shoes.

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