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## Rep. Pitts marks anniversary of court decision; asks “what could have been?”

**Washington**—Congressman Joe Pitts (R, PA-16) issued the following statement on the 32<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*:

“Though I welcome many constituents to Washington today, it is a solemn occasion that we mark. Thirty-two years ago the Supreme Court abused its authority. Ruling that abortion should be available on demand, the Court betrayed one of the principles we hold most dear – the right to life.

“Today, as a result of that misguided court decision, I join with millions around the country in asking “what could have been?” What great lives could have been lived? What great things might have been accomplished by these children? We will never know.

“It is my deepest hope that our nation will return to the ideals of our Founders. The Declaration of Independence states that we are endowed with certain ‘inalienable’ – undeniable, unchallengeable, indisputable – rights. Those are the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Without the right to life, all of our other rights and liberties are meaningless.

“As women across the nation face the often lonely choice of giving birth to their child or ending a difficult pregnancy, I hope that we as a nation will learn to embrace these women and their unborn children by offering them alternatives to abortion that are both life-giving and life-affirming.”

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