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As a result of the Supreme Court ruling overturning the landmark Roe v. Wade decision, the State's Attorney's Office for Montgomery County has adopted a noncooperation policy with outside states that would attempt to criminalize the conduct of a woman who comes to Maryland to obtain a safe and legal abortion.

State's Attorney John McCarthy pledges to protect reproductive rights. His office will not participate in the extradition of any person who travels to Maryland as a safe haven in order to obtain an abortion, nor cooperate with any investigative efforts to identify providers. It is the position of the State's Attorney's Office that no state would have the legal authority to pass a law that would criminalize the legal activity of a woman who came to Maryland to obtain a medical procedure. The State's Attorney's Office for Montgomery County will continue to protect the privacy and HIPAA rights of anyone who receives medical care in the state of Maryland.

As Maryland Attorney General Brian Frosh has stated, broad access to abortion remains protected in states, including Maryland, that recognize reproductive freedom. The State's Attorney's Office for Montgomery County will use the full force of the law to continue to protect women's rights.