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### **Delegate Dave LaRock Grateful for Supreme Court's Reversal of Roe and Casey**

Hamilton, VA – Today is the day pro-life Americans have been praying and preparing for over nearly fifty years. In the case of *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, Justice Alito's majority opinion held that "...the Constitution does not confer a right to abortion... Roe and Casey must be overruled, and the authority to regulate abortion must be returned to the people and their elected representatives..." In 1973, Roe v. Wade stunted a healthy debate amongst the people and their elected leaders about how to promote the dignity of women and children. Roe v. Wade had the effect of preventing states from fully protecting life. Since Roe, over 62 million Americans have lost their lives to abortion.

Roe v. Wade polarized society, labeling people as pro-life or pro-abortion, and leaving little room for people in the middle. It does not have to be that way. With full political discourse restored by the Dobbs decision, the people will have the opportunity to debate abortion, to continue and even increase support for women in challenging circumstances, and connect families with children in need.

"I am grateful to the Supreme Court for getting this decision correct, and overruling Roe." said **Delegate Dave LaRock**. "The protection of unborn children and their mothers has always been in the forefront of my political and community involvement, and I'm eager to continue that effort until we reach the point where every child is treated as the person that they are, from the moment they come to exist. I and countless other Virginians will redouble our efforts to protect life and help women in crisis situations."

Virginians are united on the most basic principles regarding abortion: all of us want fewer abortions. The Dobbs decision doesn't change the law in Virginia, but it does open the door for the General Assembly to enact safeguards and restrictions that have broad public support. The vast majority of Virginians agree that third trimester abortion should be illegal in all but the most extenuating circumstances. In contrast, Virginia Democrats' position is to support legal abortion until the very moment of birth, and to force all Virginians to pay for it using taxpayer funds and insurance premiums.

Del. LaRock added, "I have introduced numerous pro-life bills and budget amendments in the last 9 years, including the Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act. I will continue working with Governor Youngkin and legislators on both sides of the aisle and both legislative bodies to do all we can to promote life and protect women."

More information on Del. LaRock's efforts on behalf of life, and life-affirming resources for women in challenging circumstances, are available at <https://www.votelarock.us/issues/life>

### **About Dave LaRock**

Delegate Dave LaRock has represented the 33<sup>rd</sup> House District, including parts of Loudoun, Clarke and Frederick Counties, since January 2014. Dave and his wife, Joanne, reside in Western Loudoun County. LaRock serves on the House Transportation Committee, the House Education Committee and the House Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns. He also serves on the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) and the Commission on School Construction and Modernization