

Writer warns of Roe battle

To the Editor:

On this the 30th anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade decision I am compelled to write.

The battle over reproductive rights for women rages on and is overshadowed by military and terrorist concerns.

This administration is devoted to trying to reverse the Roe decision by stacking the courts and federal positions with persons with the same agenda. The next appointee to the Supreme Court will be critical to upholding our right to a safe and legal abortion.

Women all over the world were affected when family planning funds were frozen on the first day that the Bush administration took

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office. The reasoning is that any discussion of health services to women may include information about abortion.

It doesn't matter that these same women are still dying in childbirth, due to lack of care.

The battleground is also in our pharmacies. Pharmacies can refuse to sell Preven, and other morning after pills and they are allowed to do it because of a new "conscience clause."

Thus, the pharmacist can decide whether a woman can have the medication she needs to prevent an unplanned pregnancy. How can this be possible?

These are very serious threats to the reproductive choices of all women. Are

we going to stand by and watch it happen?

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