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## What Moving From Kentucky to Virginia After I Was Diagnosed With Cancer Reveals About Roe

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After years of teaching *Roe v. Wade* as a family law professor, I experienced the stunningly painful irony of reading the **leaked Supreme Court opinion** in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* on the day I was diagnosed with invasive breast cancer. Overnight, at age 44, I became a person who would **need an abortion if pregnant because cancer treatments would compromise a healthy birth** and delay needed cancer care. I also became someone, like other **hormone-positive breast cancer** patients, who **was advised to discontinue hormonal contraception** because it might stimulate the growth of cancer cells.

In the aftermath of *Roe's* being overturned, supporters of the move want to pretend that abortion access can be surgically extracted from women's health care decision-making as a whole. Nothing could be further from the truth.