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United Neighborhood Houses' Statement on the U.S. Supreme Court's Recent Actions

NEW YORK – June 24, 2022 – In response to this week's Supreme Court decisions to overturn Roe V. Wade and New York State's Gun Carry Law, Susan Stamler commented:

United Neighborhood Houses condemns the radical actions taken this week by the Supreme Court. From overturning common sense gun laws that have kept New Yorkers safe, to weakening protections in interactions with law enforcement, and culminating in the decision to bar access to safe and dignified abortion, the Court's regressive and antiquated opinions have hurled America backwards. Most distressingly, the decisions of six unelected judges will have a disproportionate impact on women, poor people, and people of color—all of whom will experience the most dire consequences as fundamental rights are stripped away for all.

For the past century, UNH and our settlement house members have fought for progressive change and social justice. We will continue that fight on the streets, in our communities, and at the polls, holding policy makers and public officials accountable with increased fervor in the face of rising fascism, oppression, and aggression targeting our nation's most vulnerable.

About United Neighborhood Houses

United Neighborhood Houses (UNH) is a policy and social change organization representing 45 neighborhood settlement houses that reach 765,000 New Yorkers from all walks of life. A progressive leader for more than 100 years, UNH is stewarding a new era for New York's settlement house movement. We mobilize our members and their communities to advocate for good public policies and promote strong organizations and practices that keep neighborhoods resilient and thriving for all New Yorkers. UNH leads advocacy and partners with our members on a broad range of issues including civic and community engagement, neighborhood affordability, healthy aging, early childhood education, adult literacy, and youth development. We also provide customized professional development and peer learning to build the skills and leadership capabilities of settlement house staff at all levels. For more information, visit <http://www.unhny.org/>.

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