

U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell

Remarks on Protecting Reproductive Health Care Delivered on the Senate Steps

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Cantwell: Democrats have been fighting for Americans health care rights, and Republicans have been trying to overturn them.

They've tried to overturn the Affordable Care Act, and we have stopped them. And now you don't hear them talking about that, because they now want to talk about taking away women's reproductive health care rights.

We are going to fight in the United States Senate to make sure that every American understands that 50 years of settled law, 50 years of Republican nominees coming before the committee and saying that they believe this is settled law, to now foist on the American public an invasion of their rights to privacy and pretend that those rights of privacy do not exist in the Constitution.

These people are dead wrong. The American people know that those rights to privacy affect so many aspects of their lives. They affect every aspect, whether it's the government intruding on their lives, whether it's other individuals or corporations, they believe that we can make laws to protect an individual right to privacy, and that also is part of determining what we as women do with our own bodies.

So the American people, the majority, as my colleague just said, the majority of American people support this policy as settled law. The majority of states support this as settled law.

And now we just need a few men on the Supreme Court to come clean about the intentions that they never made clear to a Senate Judiciary Committee, and have our Republican colleagues come clear about this because they are overturning your constitutional right.

And we in America, the women of America, will march to protect these rights on behalf of all of us.