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## **BCITSA Board issues Statement on Women's Right to Choose**

The Student Association is aware of news reports that the United States Supreme Court is likely to overturn *Roe v. Wade*. This 1973 decision of the court established in American law that the U.S. Constitution protects a woman's freedom to choose to have an abortion.

Officially, the BCITSA has not previously adopted a formal position on a woman's right to choose, so the Executive Board met this week and voted to communicate the following:

- That the BCIT Student Association supports the *Charter of Rights and Freedoms*, which under Canadian law includes a woman's right to choose whether or not to have an abortion;
- That consistent with the *BC Human Rights Code*, the Student Association opposes discrimination on the basis of sex and gender, and
- That since 2019, the Student Association has subscribed to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, which includes access to sexual and reproductive health care.

The Student Association remains as committed as ever to its values and mission statement ([link](#)) and will continue in its work to support and enhance the quality of student life at BCIT.