



Kirsten Engel Releases Statement on Arizona’s 1901 Abortion Ban

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Tucson, AZ — Today, a Pima County Court ruled to officially allow the state’s pre-territorial 1901 abortion ban to go into effect, which makes no exceptions for rape or incest and criminalizes all abortions. Democratic congressional candidate for Arizona’s 6th District Kirsten Engel released the following statement:

“As an Arizonan, a woman and a mother, I am heartbroken by this decision and what it means for the safety of women and girls across our state.

“Let me be crystal clear — this is a near-total ban on abortion in Arizona, without exceptions in cases of rape or incest. Blake Masters, Kari Lake and my opponent, Juan Ciscomani, all proudly support extreme abortion bans without exceptions for rape or incest. Extreme, dangerous Republicans like Juan Ciscomani are completely out of step with the needs and values of Arizonans, and cannot be trusted to represent us in Washington. He would absolutely be another rubber stamp for Washington Republicans’ plan to pass a national abortion ban.

In Congress, I will always fight for Arizona’s women and girls to have the right to make decisions over their own bodies — not politicians.”

Ciscomani [cheered](#) the overturn of *Roe v. Wade*, which gave women the fundamental right to choose. Recently, [in an Arizona Daily Star interview](#), Ciscomani voiced his support for a ban on abortion in Arizona without exceptions for rape or incest.