



Statement of solidarity on the ruling of the USA's Supreme Court

ASTRA Network expresses solidarity with our colleagues from the USA after the Supreme Court's heartbreaking ruling.

Judges of the Court took a drastic blow at basic human rights and freedom of choice. Their decision to give the power of full policy-making regarding abortion into the hands of state authorities opens the door for fundamentalists and opponents of reproductive rights. Our hearts go to all Americans, especially those living in states that have already banned access to abortion or are planning to do so in the near future.

As Eastern Europeans, we know and understand how it feels to be stripped of rights so violently and suddenly. Poles have suffered this blow recently, but the law remains fiction in other countries of the region, like in the case of Croatia.

We stand arm in arm with our colleagues, friends, and sisters from across the ocean. Yet again, life proves how fragile human rights are and how vigilant we need to stay in order to protect ourselves.

We are sure that the ruling is just a setback in the long fight for reproductive rights, and the people of the United States of America will see the law protecting them universally in all parts of their country in no time. There is nothing we cannot do when we come together – and the world is with you.