

## Statement from the Joint Women's Health Care Caucus Mourning the Death of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg

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The ability of women to participate equally in the economic and social life of the Nation has been facilitated by their ability to control their reproductive lives. These are guiding words for the Joint Women's Healthcare Caucus, co-chaired by Senator Barbara Favola and Delegate Kaye Kory, as well as a key point in Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg's forceful dissent in the Hobby Lobby case.

Justice Ginsburg did not set out in life to be a champion for women's rights, but she became one both by overcoming the career challenges she faced solely because she was a woman and by successfully challenging barriers to equality faced by others.

It is with sadness, but also profound gratitude and admiration, that the Joint Women's Healthcare Caucus mourns the passing of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. She built an impactful legacy that lifts women and men closer to the equality promised by our Constitution. Her calm, didactic presence will be missed on the bench. Justice Ginsburg will continue to be an inspiration for generations to come.