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## On 43<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, Joseline Peña-Melnyk Calls on Leaders in Congress to Protect Funding for Planned Parenthood

**LAUREL**, **MD** – Today on the 43<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the *Roe v. Wade* decision, Democratic congressional candidate Joseline Peña-Melnyk released a statement renewing her call to protect women's reproductive rights.

"On the 43<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of Roe v. Wade, we are reminded that even in 2016, the battle to let women control their own bodies is far from over," said Peña-Melnyk, who is running to represent Maryland's fourth congressional district. "Days from now, Republicans in Congress will hold a vote to defund Planned Parenthood, a non-profit organization that provides needed reproductive health care to millions of women across the country – including in Maryland. For my daughters and for the mothers and daughters of my district, I stand with Planned Parenthood. In Congress I will fight to protect and enforce the reproductive rights of women everywhere, and I urge our leaders in Washington to do the same."

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