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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Clinton on Abortion]

NATE BURLESON: And a stark warning from Hillary Clinton after the controversial decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade*.

HILLARY CLINTON: Women are going to die, Gayle, women will die.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Hillary Clinton]

KING: We've got some very powerful interviews to share with you today. Hillary Clinton — she is speaking on camera for the very first time about the Supreme Court's historic decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade*.

CLINTON: I don't care what political party or religion you are, the question is who decides. Is the government going to be in your bedroom? Is the government going to be making these decisions? We are only at the beginning of this terrible travesty that this court has inflicted on us.

KING: Inflicted on us is the word she used and she is not holding anything back. She had a lot more to say.

BURLESON: Looking forward to that conversation.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Exclusive; Hillary Clinton on Abortion Ruling; Clinton on Overturning Roe & Justice Clarence Thomas Opinion]

KING: Former secretary of state Hillary Clinton says the Supreme Court's monumental abortion ruling could lead to other decisions turning back the clock on civil rights. In her first on-camera interview about the ruling, we asked her about Justice Clarence Thomas's written opinion. He said that the court should reconsider past rulings on contraception and same-sex marriage. [TO CLINTON] Justice Thomas has sort of floated that out there about contraceptive rights —

CLINTON: Yes.

KING: — contraception and about same-sex marriages, but other justices pushed back to say no, he's really sort of on his own with that.

CLINTON: Well —

KING: You don't believe that?

CLINTON: — well, he may be on his own, but he's signaling — as he often did. You know, people — I went to law school with him.

KING: Mhmm.

CLINTON: He's been a person of grievance for as long as I've known him, resentment, grievance, anger, and he has signaled in the past to lower courts, to state legislatures, define cases, pass laws, get them up. I may not win the first, the second, or the third time, but we're going to keep at it.

KING: So, you're saying — people, pay attention to it.

CLINTON: Yes, the people he is speaking to, which are the right-wing, very conservative judges and justices and state legislatures, and the thing that is, well, there are so many things about it that are deeply distressing, but women are going to die, Gayle. Women will die.

KING: We reached out to Justice Thomas for a comment, haven't heard back from him. And Secretary Clinton had much more to say. Coming up in our next hour, we asked her whether she thinks senators were misled by Supreme Court justices during their confirmation hearings. Some say that they were.

BURLESON: Looking forward to that.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Ahead; Hillary Clinton]

BURLESON: Coming up, our sit down with Hillary Clinton. You won't want to miss it.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Hillary Clinton]

KING: More of our fascinating conversation with Hillary Clinton. Why she hopes the end of *Roe v. Wade* will be a wake-up call for America.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Abortion Ban Fight]

KING: Hillary Clinton speaks on-camera for the first time following the Supreme Court ruling overturning *Roe v. Wade*.

CLINTON: We are only at the beginning of this terrible travesty that this court has inflicted on us.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Exclusive; Hillary Clinton Speaks Out; Clinton on Abortion Ruling, Civil Rights, and January 6 Hearings]

KING: We're going to begin with this — speaking of the decision, former secretary of state Hillary Clinton says the overturning of *Roe v. Wade* should be a wake up call for Americans. We spoke with her yesterday in the studio. This is her first on camera interview about the Supreme Court's monumental ruling. The decision triggered laws to prevent women in at least seven states — seven — from getting legal abortions. Now, Clinton was here yesterday with co-author to discuss her novel, *State of Terror*. It is co-published by Simon and Shuster, which is a division of our corporate owner, that's Paramount Global. She told us that this is a risky time for America and democracy. [TO CLINTON] Last week, the *Roe v. Wade* decision was made. And even though we had gotten a heads up, many thought it was unthinkable. A lot of people are processing, depending on your point of view. What did you think when you heard it?

CLINTON: Well, I was not surprised because I think that was the goal of packing the court with justices who are on the record for many years of being against a woman's constitutional right to make decisions about our own bodies. I was deeply sorry that it actually happened, but now that it has happened, I think everybody understands that this is not necessarily the only effort that we're going to see this court undertake to turn back the clock on civil rights and —

KING: Other issues.

CLINTON: — gay rights and women's rights beyond abortion. This is going to, I hope, wake up a lot of Americans. I don't care what political party or religion you are, the question is who decides. Is the government going to be in your bedroom? Is the government going to be making these decisions? We are only at the beginning of this terrible travesty that this court has inflicted on us.

KING: And what do you say to supporters, though, who say listen, we are protecting the rights of unborn children? They have rights, too. What do you say to that?

CLINTON: You know —

KING: That seems to be the core argument.

CLINTON: — I — I say that, you know, that is predominantly a belief rooted in religion which I respect. And that's why in a pluralistic democracy like ours, the court in *Roe v. Wade* said the government is not going to make this decision. If it is your personal belief based on whatever that there is no legitimate basis for abortion, even if you're in the hospital and you're bleeding out, even if you are told that you have cancer and chemotherapy is necessary and therefore an abortion is necessary, no matter what you get to make that decision. I may not agree with it, but you get to make that decision/. But you and those that support your particular point of view cannot dictate that decision to every other woman and, you know, for many years, the abortion rate was going down. We were seeing, I think, greater responsibility, especially with use of contraception. So what is it their — what is their ultimate goal here if they begin to chip away at all these rights? It truly is to erase the progress that women have made from the last 150 years.

KING: You know, a couple of senators have said that they were misled by the justices. Does this — does this say to you that we need to change the confirmation hearing process?

CLINTON: Well, I think they were misled in part because they wanted to be misled. They had —

KING: You think they knew that this was going to happen?

CLINTON: — oh, they either knew or were blind to what the history of the people before them. Anyone that is surprised by this is not paying attention, so these people were selected for this purpose and it was a 50-year campaign. And you've got to give the other side, you know, lots of points for their relentlessness, their total commitment to getting what they want done, regardless of who's hurt by it and regardless who's stripped of rights, but —

KING: Is this the time for the Democrats to take on the filibuster do you think?

CLINTON: — well, I've — I've been saying for quite some time, I think the filibuster should be eliminated, at the very least for constitutional questions like voting rights, like a woman's, you know, constitutional rights to make decisions about her own body. So, if you can't lift it completely, lift it for those two things that have huge consequences for our country.

KING: And last question. You're a former first lady, former secretary of state, former senator, do you miss the day-to-day of politics? Is there any scenario in your brain that you would think I want to get back in?

CLINTON: No. But I — I miss it. I miss it.

KING: No scenario in 2024, even remotely consider?

CLINTON: You know, I can't imagine it. I really can't. I — but what I —

KING: That's not a no.

CLINTON: — well, but what I can imagine is staying as active and outspoken as I can because I think our country's really on the precipice, Gayle. I think that we are looking at not only the erosion of these rights, the throwing the door open to unfettered, unregulated gun access, but we're also looking at dismantling the federal government, how it protects our air and our water and everything else that goes with it.

KING: Do you think our democracy is at stake? We're looking —

CLINTON: I do.

KING: — at the January 6 hearings —

CLINTON: I do.

KING: — you think the democracy is at stake —

CLINTON: I do.

KING: — as we sit here today?

CLINTON: I do. I —

KING: Will anything come of these hearings? People say — some say it's a waste of time.

CLINTON: — I think these hearings have been incredibly powerful. I understand a lot of people pay no attention —

KING: Right.

CLINTON: — but history pays attention. I hope the Justice Department is paying attention. I hope, in these midterm elections, candidates and Democratic Party pay attention because you cannot let those who attacked our Capitol and those who urged them on to do so act with impunity. That's what happens in dictatorships and authoritarian regimes. So, I think it's

important that people recognize if there were ever a time to vote and vote literally for your rights and our future, it is this midterm.

BURLESON: Yeah.

KING: I mean, she had a lot to say. She was really very candid and very open. I like what she said that history pays attention.

BURLESON: Right.

DOKOUPIL: Yeah.

KING: You know, people can say no one's paying attention to these hearings. But the first hearing, 20 million people watched.

DOKOUPIL: Yeah.

KING: People were tuning in, want to know exactly what happened, so we will see. Today's going to be a very big day.

DOKOUPIL: I'm so glad she ended with reference to voting in this country.

KING: Yes.

DOKOUPIL: Because, when it comes to democracies, our participation rate is abysmal —

BURLESON: Right.

DOKOUPIL: — relative to countries around the world.

BURLESON: And yet, still, people complain, though.

DOKOUPIL: People complain. 80 million don't vote. And when you see Hillary Clinton on television, what I think about is all the what-ifs from 2016. what could have been different? It was a small number of people that swung the election. She won the popular vote. If people had gone to the polls, three Supreme Court justices that had been appointed by Donald Trump might have been appointed by her and we don't have this decision today.

KING: Exactly right.

BURLESON: You're right about that. Yeah, she was spot on. She said we're turning back the clock.

KING: Speaking of voting, today is primary day in New York. I know that. And tomorrow on *CBS Mornings*, we'll have more with the conversation with Secretary of State Clinton. She and

co-author Louise Penny will discuss their book *State of Terror* and tell us what inspired — this is a political thriller and the main character in the book — she is a secretary of state and she's dealing with a former President that she thinks is a bit of a knucklehead.

DOKOUPIL: How about that. Based on a true story.

KING: You think?

DOKOUPIL: Inspired by true events.

KING: Exactly right. Said — it's — it's a novel.

DOKOUPIL: But it's fiction though, right?

KING: Yeah, it is fiction, Nate. It is fiction.

DOKOUPIL: Inspired by true events. All right.

KING: But they're working together is a great story, too.

DOKOUPIL: Yeah. I'm looking forward to that part of the conversation as well.