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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Breaking Overnight; Abortion Rights Upheld]

ROBIN ROBERTS: Voters in Kansas making a statement about abortion rights. Overnight, abortion rights upheld in Kansas. Voters rejecting a change to the state's constitution that would remove protections. The first voters are weighing in on the issue after the Supreme Court ruling overturning *Roe vs. Wade*.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Breaking Overnight; Kansas Votes to Protect Abortion Rights; Voters Block Amendment in First Major Post-*Roe* Referendum]

GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS: We have a lot of news to get to, including that surprising vote overnight in Kansas. The first state to vote on abortion since the Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade*. Voters there triggered a strong backlash affirming the state's constitution which protects abortion rights. Remember, Kansas is a deep red state where there are far more Republicans than Democrats.

ROBERTS: The vote rejecting a proposed amendment to the state constitution that would have invalidated rights in Kansas. Rachel Scott has been tracking this issue and was there overnight as the results came in. Good morning, Rachel.

RACHEL SCOTT: Robin, good morning. This was a massive show of support for abortion rights in a conservative, traditionally red state less than six weeks after *Roe vs. Wade* was overturned by the Supreme Court. Voters in this state of Kansas sent a message that the right to abortion should be protected. This was the moment the results came in. Kansas voters overwhelmingly decided to protect access to abortion.

FEMALE PRO-CHOICE SUPPORTER #1: It's a huge victory for Kansas, for women, for reproductive rights and America.

SCOTT: The first political test in a post-*Roe* America, handing abortion rights groups a major victory.

FEMALE PRO-CHOICE SUPPORTER #2: This sends a message that the women are coming out of the woodwork. Like, we are not going anywhere and we are going to protect ourselves.

SCOTT: Voters blocked an amendment that would have stripped protections from the state's constitution, clearing the way for lawmakers to enact tighter restrictions or outright ban. Anti-abortion rights activists saying it's far from over.

FEMALE PRO-LIFE SUPPORTER #1: If the last 50 years haven't shown anything, we've been fighting. I — we're not going to stop.

SCOTT: The turnout soared. Lines stretching around the block. Voters on both sides energized after the Supreme Court overturned *Roe vs. Wade*.

FEMALE PRO-LIFE SUPPORTER #2: We don't want to be known as an abortion state. We want to have limits and we want to have the people have the right to say what they want in their own state.

FEMALE PRO-CHOICE SUPPORTER #3: As somebody that's had an abortion, I think it's incredibly stigmatized and I think that we need to get rid of that stigma and it begins with keeping access to safe, legal, and affordable abortion.

SCOTT: At least 14 states have stopped nearly all abortion services, but Kansas will remain a safe haven for abortions at least for now.

FEMALE PRO-CHOICER SUPPORTER #4: The overwhelming no vote just proves that people in states can stand up and say, no, you're not going to control my body. [SCREEN WIPE] I hope this sets an example for other states.

SCOTT: This primary was closely watched around the nation. President Biden released a statement after these results came in saying, this makes clear the majority of Americans believe the right to an abortion should be protected and in just a few hours, the President is expected to sign an executive order to help support out-of-state patients who have to travel to get an abortion, George.

STEPHANOPOULOS: Rachel, that margin really was surprising.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Right Now; Kansas Upholds Abortion Rights]

STEPHANOPOULOS: Following a lot of headlines this morning, including that surprising vote overnight in Kansas, the first to vote on abortion since the Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade*. The vote rejected a proposed amendment to the state's constitution that would have invalidates abortion rights there.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Breaking Overnight; High-Stakes Primaries]

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Breaking Overnight; Kansas Votes to Protect Abortion Rights; Voters Block Amendment in First Major Post-*Roe* Referendum]

STEPHANOPOULOS: A lot of news to get to as well, including the fallout from Kansas overnight, the first state to vote on abortion since the Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade*. Voters are triggering a strong backlash affirming the state's constitution which protects abortion rights and remember, Kansas is a deep red state where there are far more Republicans than Democrats. Rachel Schrott [sic] — Rachel Scott, excuse me, is tracking the story. Good morning, Rachel.

SCOTT: George, good morning. It was a surprise show of support for abortion rights in a very conservative state. Voters here in Kansas sending a message to protect abortion rights. This was the moment the results came in. Kansas voters overwhelmingly decided to protect access to abortion.

PRO-CHOICER ACTIVIST ASHLEY ALL: I feel really proud to be a Kansan tonight.

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FEMALE PRO-CHOICER SUPPORTER #5: We're taking our power back.

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SCOTT: Across the nation, at least 14 states have stopped nearly all abortion services, but for now, Kansas will remain a safe haven, George.

STEPHANOPOULOS: Rachel Scott, thanks.