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NATE BURLESON: A big win in Kansas for abortion rights advocates. What it means for the midterms and America after *Roe v. Wade*.

[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Kansas Abortion Battle]

KANSAS PRO-CHOICER #1: They are going to take care of me and my female friends and everyone that can get pregnant in the state of Kansas. We are protected tonight.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Breaking Overnight; Kansas Voters Preserve Abortion Rights; Residents Vote "No" to Amendment That Would Have Restricted Abortions]

JERICKA DUNCAN: We begin with important primary election results, including a major victory for supporters of abortion rights. They celebrated in Kansas last night after voters rejected a move to remove abortion right protections from the state's constitution. Now, this is the first referendum on the issue since the Supreme Court struck down *Roe vs. Wade*. Voters rejected the measure put forth by Republican legislators nearly 60 percent to 40 percent. Caitlin Huey-Burns is in Olathe near Kansas City. Caitlin, good morning to you, this result is obviously getting a lot of attention all across the country.

CAITLIN HUEY-BURNS: Good morning, Jericka. Yes, this is a result that could have national implications. President Biden says this makes clear that a majority of Americans support access to abortion. Still, the results were a surprise here in Kansas because this is a conservative state. Donald Trump won it by about 14 points in 2020, but turnout here was huge, which suggests that both Republicans and Democrats support access to abortion. [CHEERS] A resounding victory for abortion rights supporters in a conservative state.

KANSAS PRO-CHOICER #1: I feel like my state just showed up and boldly told me that they are going to take care of me.

HUEY-BURNS: Kansas voters rejected a ballot measure that would have eliminated constitutional protections for abortion in the state, a move that would have allowed the Republican legislature to further restrict or enact a near ban on the procedure. [TO BAUMGARDNER] Is this the end? Can the legislature do anything on this issue?

KANSAS STATE SENATOR MOLLY BAUMGARDNER (R): I think it might be a while

before we get another bite at the apple.

HUEY-BURNS: It was the first time voters had a direct say on the issue since *Roe v. Wade* was overturned, and turnout was significantly higher than expected for a primary contest in the state at 47 percent.

PRO-CHOICER ACTIVIST ASHLEY ALL: What was at stake was our constitutional rights and our freedom. And so, you know, coalition of voters across the political spectrum came together today and voted no.

HUEY-BURNS: Abortion rights supporters hope the win reverberates beyond Kansas.

KANSAS CITY, MO MAYOR QUINTON LUCAS (D): And if you can see that the no votes win here, then that would mean that you could have that in any part of the country, no matter how red it is.

HUEY-BURNS: So, what happens here in Kansas could be a roadmap for other states?

LUCAS: It is a roadmap for how do we make sure that we are asserting, defending, and protecting the rights of women to have access to care in any part of the country.

HUEY-BURNS: As voters here in Kansas decided to preserve abortion rights, at the federal level, President Biden is expected to sign an executive order to expand access to reproductive care. Nate?

BURLESON: Caitlin, thank you.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Kansas Abortion Fight]

ALL: A coalition of voters across the political spectrum came together and voted no.

BURLESON: Kansas voters reject an effort to remove abortion rights from the state's constitution.

LUCAS: That would mean that you could have it in any part of the country no matter how red it is.