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Kansas Takes Next Step Toward Restricting Abortion Care
Women Face Further Obstacles to Health Services

Overland Park, KS – Today, the Kansas House of Representatives passed a bill amending several provisions of Kansas law, including Kansas abortion statutes. The bill, House Substitute for Senate Bill 389 (H Sub SB 389), would drastically limit Kansas women’s access to safe and legal abortions.

“This bill is about politics and not about protecting women,” said Peter Brownlie, CEO of Planned Parenthood of Kansas & Mid-Missouri. “The Kansas Legislature should work with us to prevent unintended pregnancies, reducing the need for abortion.”

Proponents of this legislation claim the bill is about regulating “late term” abortion and ending alleged coercion of women seeking an abortion. In fact, the vast majority of this bill would affect legal abortions provided in the first and second trimester of a woman’s pregnancy.

Planned Parenthood works everyday to provide Kansans with practical and proven programs such as comprehensive sex education and access to birth control--the only real ways to prevent unintended pregnancies. Planned Parenthood encourages elected officials to join us in this mission, reducing the need for abortion.

“Today the Kansas legislature took a giant step backwards for women’s health care,” concluded Brownlie. “We encourage Kansans to contact their elected officials and demand they oppose this onerous restriction on women’s rights.”

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