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### **Motion to Quash Granted**

Planned Parenthood of Kansas & Mid-Missouri applauds today's decision by the Johnson County District Court to quash the subpoena issued by District Attorney Phill Kline to the Kansas Department of Health and the Environment (KDHE). Mr. Kline had sought reports from KDHE to pursue his politically-motivated prosecution of Comprehensive Health of Planned Parenthood of Kansas & Mid-Missouri.

Mr. Kline apparently obtained copies of "induced termination of pregnancy" reports from KDHE when he was Attorney General. However, there's no way to be certain the copies in Mr. Kline's possession now are in fact true and accurate copies of KDHE's reports. Kansas' rules of evidence require the prosecution to obtain authenticated state records in order to admit them into evidence. Mr. Kline failed to do that when he was Attorney General. He then tried to compel KDHE to produce authenticated copies. However, as Judge Tatum ruled today, by law KDHE can only provide copies of the reports to the Attorney General or the Board of Healing Arts, not to a District Attorney.

Kansas' rules of evidence need to be followed so that the judicial system retains its legitimacy. The law recognizes the unacceptable risks to a defendant if the prosecution is permitted to proceed without authenticated documents. The danger is simply too great that an injustice will occur. A defendant, and the public, must be assured that a politically-motivated prosecutor hasn't played fast and loose with evidence.

"This prosecutor has played fast and loose with the rules throughout this case," said Peter Brownlie, Planned Parenthood's CEO. "His subpoena was an effort to get around his earlier failure to follow the rules of evidence. We applaud the Court for making it clear that the District Attorney, however "righteous" he believes his cause to be, must follow Kansas law.

"We hope today's decision will hasten an end to this case, which has always been far more about politics than the law. Planned Parenthood's services are vitally important to Kansas families and communities; it's a tragedy to have to waste so much time and money countering an extremist like Phill Kline.

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