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## **Press Statement**

**FROM:** Peter B. Brownlie  
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**DATE:** Wednesday, April 30, 2008  
**RE:** Abortion Restriction Bill Fails

On behalf of the women of Kansas, our patients and our staff, Planned Parenthood applauds the Kansas Senate for sustaining Governor Sebelius' veto of H Sub SB 389, a bill that would have created a number of unnecessary abortion restrictions likely to jeopardize the health and safety of women. Confronted with a politically controversial issue, the Kansas Senate put first the health and well-being of Kansas women and families.

The Senate's action today sends a clear message that increasing health care services and preventing unintended pregnancies are key to the declining abortion rate in Kansas. Steps needed to help women and their partners prevent unintended pregnancy include fully funding family planning services and ensuring that teens receive comprehensive sex education that teaches abstinence as well as the full benefits of contraception.

One of Planned Parenthood's top priorities is ensuring access to affordable health care. Even in this difficult financial and political climate, we continue to provide health care services and education to over 30,000 women, men and teens in Kansas each year. We work 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. It is time the Kansas Legislature move beyond this politically divisive issue and join us in this mission, reducing the need for abortion.

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