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**Planned Parenthood is Granted Preliminary Injunction**

*Clinics will continue to provide abortion services in Columbia and Kansas City*

**Overland park, KS** - Today, U.S. District Judge Ortrie Smith granted a preliminary injunction in favor of Planned Parenthood of Kansas and Mid-Missouri (PPKM). The injunction blocks the enforcement of Missouri law HB 1055 against the provision of abortion services at two PPKM health centers until the Court determines the constitutionality of the law.

“We are pleased that we are able to continue caring for Missouri women without a disruption in services,” said Peter Brownlie, CEO of Planned Parenthood of Kansas and Mid-Missouri. “We believe that Judge Smith saw this legislation for what it is – a blatant attempt by the Governor and anti-choice legislators to limit access to abortion care in Missouri and has nothing to do with protecting women’s health and safety.”

Planned Parenthood will continue to provide abortion services at both its Columbia and Broussard (Kansas City) health centers. “As always,” Brownlie continued, “Planned Parenthood will be here to provide quality reproductive health care and will continue fighting for access to abortion care in Missouri.”

The law, HB 1055, would require health centers providing more than five abortions each month to be licensed as ambulatory surgical centers. This applies even to health centers that only provide medication abortion services. The law is intended to shut down abortion services at two Planned Parenthood centers in the state. It has no impact on family planning services provided by Planned Parenthood nor would it improve the already exceptional care that our patients receive.

Link to HB 1055: <http://www.house.mo.gov/bills071/biltxt/perf/HB1055P.HTM>

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