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## **Roeder Conviction**

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Planned Parenthood of Kansas & Mid-Missouri is grateful for the jury's decision in Sedgwick County to convict Scott Roeder of first-degree murder in the assassination of Dr. George Tiller. We are satisfied the criminal justice system in Kansas has worked, as it always has in abortion matters.

There's no joy in this outcome. On May 31<sup>st</sup> last year, Kansas, and America, lost a compassionate and courageous physician. Jeanne Tiller and her children and grandchildren lost a loving husband, father and grandfather. And women across the world lost a bold and irreplaceable advocate for their health and reproductive rights.

Mr. Roeder's conviction represents a victory for the rule of law and a clear message that domestic terrorists will be held accountable in Kansas as elsewhere in America. Roeder's was the worst and most recent of many acts of terrorism aimed at physicians and health centers in Kansas in the last 20 years. It's important to note since 1991, dozens of anti-abortion activists have been convicted of crimes in Kansas – and they are the only people ever convicted of abortion-related crimes in our state.

All of us at Planned Parenthood of Kansas & Mid-Missouri renew our support for and condolences to Dr. Tiller's family and wish them peace and safety in the wake of the trial and conviction.

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