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Trust Women Urges Kansas House Members to Oppose SB 95

Wichita, KS – The Kansas House Committee on Federal and State Affairs voted to pass Senate Bill 95 earlier today. Julie Burkhart, founder and CEO of Trust Women and South Wind Women's Center issued the following statement:

"Today, the House Federal and State Affairs Committee voted to pass a gravely irresponsible and cruel piece of legislation. SB 95 has the potential to disrupt the physician-patient relationship by prohibiting doctors from using their sound medical judgment to decide what is best for their patients.

This bill was crafted by a radical, out-of-state lobbying group in an attempt to push an agenda that endangers Kansas women's health and rights.

SB 95 will cause irreparable harm to Kansas women and families. The state of Kansas has already spent more than \$1 million to defend unconstitutional antichoice legislation. Passing unconstitutional legislation like SB 95 will cost the state hundreds of thousands of dollars in litigation; this is irresponsible and unethical in a state that struggles with serious budget issues.

Our lawmakers' time and our taxpayer's money would be better spent making sure we have excellent schools for our kids, a strong health care delivery system and critical social services to help Kansans when they need it most. While Kansas families are suffering, Kansas lawmakers are turning a blind eye.

I call on all Kansas citizens to tell their lawmakers, 'no more!' and urge them to oppose SB 95."

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Trust Women opens clinics that provide full-spectrum reproductive healthcare, including abortion services, in underserved communities so that all women can make their own decisions about their health care. Trust Women works to expand access in the Midwest and the South.