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Trust Women Founder & CEO Criticizes Oklahoma Senate Bill 195

Wichita, KS— Today the Oklahoma Senate voted to pass SB 195. This bill was amended on the Senate floor to propose an amendment to the Oklahoma State Constitution to ban abortion in the state if federal protections for abortion are removed or overturned. This bill is a dangerous attempt to ban abortion in all cases in Oklahoma. Trust Women Oklahoma City is one of three clinics in the state that offer abortion services.

Julie Burkhart, founder and CEO of Trust Women, stated, “SB 195 sends a cold and punitive message to the thousands of Oklahoma women and their families that have sought abortion services. The decision to have an abortion is one that should be left in the hands of Oklahoma women in consultation with their families and medical providers. The Oklahoma Legislature should not interfere in the relationship between women and their doctors. SB 195 does exactly that.”

Burkhart continued, “Oklahoma has already spent thousands of dollars to defend unconstitutional and punitive laws that do nothing to advance the health of women and their families. Oklahoma is consistently ranked as one of the worst states for women’s and children’s health. The state has significant rates of maternal mortality and infant mortality. If lawmakers in Oklahoma want to make the state healthier, they can look for ways to make health care more accessible. One of the best ways to do this would be to expand Medicaid.”

“I call on members of the Oklahoma House of Representatives to oppose this dangerous bill,” Burkhart concluded.

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Trust Women opens clinics that provide abortion services in underserved communities so that all women can make their own decisions about their health care.

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