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Trust Women Founder & CEO Criticizes Kansas HCR 5004

Wichita, KS— Today the Kansas House Committee on Federal and State Affairs heard testimony on HCR 5004. HCR 5004 is a proposed amendment to the Kansas 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 Kansas. Trust Women Wichita is one of four clinics in the state that offer abortion services.

Julie Burkhart, founder and CEO of Trust Women, stated, “HCR 5004 puts Kansas women’s right to bodily autonomy in danger just because of their potential to become pregnant. There is no way to give embryos personhood rights without infringing on the rights of pregnant women.”

Burkhart continued, “As found by state and federal courts, the rights of people already living must be weighed against the potential for life in legal decision making. Please consider the real intended - and unintended - consequences on the lives of Kansas women. HCR 5004 will turn women into second class citizens, whose legal rights are solely determined by their reproductive capacity. Further, if the Kansas Legislature wishes to work towards the right to life for its citizens in Kansas, they could work to expand Medicaid, decrease maternal and infant mortality and make contraceptives of all kinds more available to help Kansas women regulate their fertility.”

“I call on members of the Kansas 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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