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Oklahoma Court Issues Unprecedented Ruling Banning 2\textsuperscript{nd} Trimester Abortion

Wichita, KS— Julie Burkhart, founder and CEO of Trust Women, denounced Judge Cindy Truong’s ruling today in the 2\textsuperscript{nd} trimester abortion case. “Women deserve access to the safest and most medically recommended method for 2\textsuperscript{nd} trimester abortion. The dilation and evacuation (D&E) procedure has been found to be the safest for abortion in the second trimester. Additionally, it is an internationally recognized technique. We should trust physicians to use their best medical judgement to provide care for their patients.”

Oklahoma County District Court Judge Cindy Truong upheld a 2015 law that would ban abortions using the D&E, the most common and safest method for abortion in the second trimester. This law has been blocked from going into effect since 2015. Banning physicians from providing abortions using the D&E procedure means that abortion will be inaccessible for women who need care and puts an undue burden on them.

Burkhart continued, “This law is a blatant attempt to criminalize doctors for providing the best medical care to their patients and to make it more difficult for people in Oklahoma to access second trimester abortion services. Oklahoma families need access to abortion services in order to lead healthy and productive lives.”

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