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## **Trust Women Founder & CEO Responds to Federal District Judge's Decision**

Wichita, KS—Today, U.S. District Judge Sachs approved the temporary injunction request from Planned Parenthood and American Civil Liberties Union to block Missouri's eight-week abortion ban. However, Judge Sachs did not block all parts of the law; bans targeting abortions on the basis of race, sex or Down syndrome were allowed to stand and will go into effect Wednesday, August 28.

Julie Burkhart, founder and CEO of Trust Women stated, "This is a part of a national strategy to ban abortions one state at a time. There is still a long way to go until the conclusion of this case. Trust Women's supporters and concerned Americans will be paying attention because this not only effects women of Missouri, but women in surrounding states who travel to receive the abortion care they need."

Abortion bans geared towards race, sex and Down syndrome create atmospheres of distrust between patients and physicians. This ban has nothing to do with protecting the lives of people with Down syndrome but everything to do with using Down syndrome as a political tool. Missouri became the first state to allow a ban geared towards Down syndrome, but a similar law was blocked in Arkansas.

There is no evidence to support the idea that abortions are happening in the United States based on race or sex. Therefore, there is no need for such a ban. These types of bans are based on racial stereotyping. They force doctors to question a patient's reasons and imply that women cannot be trusted.

"Patronizing laws like this have no place in our democracy. We trust women to grapple with complex medical issues and come to conclusions that fit their lives," concluded Burkhart.

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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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