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Trust Women Reacts to Judge's Decision in Oklahoma Dilation and Evacuation Ban Case

Oklahoma City, OK—In July, Oklahoma County District Court Judge Cindy Truong upheld a 2015 law that would ban abortions using the dilation and evacuation method, the most common and safest method for abortion in the second trimester. The Center for Reproductive Rights went before a judge today asking for clarification on the “rogue ruling.” Unfortunately, the judge denied the request for an injunction.

This is the first time a ban such as this has been upheld in court. Founder and CEO of Trust Women, Julie Burkhart, stated “Banning physicians from providing abortions using the dilation and evacuation procedure will mean that abortion will be inaccessible in the second trimester for people seeking reproductive health care.” Without access to second-trimester abortions, women will face traveling even further to obtain the abortion care they need. Every other court that has considered a similar ban has blocked them from taking effect, including, Alabama, Arkansas, Kansas, Kentucky and Texas.

Burkhart continued, “This law interferes with the physician-patient relationship by putting politics above their professional medical judgement. This law is a naked 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. This case will likely be appealed. Regardless, women will still need access while this case is fought out in court. We are strategizing how we can ensure access for our Trust Women Oklahoma City patients who need care in the second trimester.”

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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 healthcare.

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