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## **Trust Women Statement on Reports of High Rates of Hysterectomies at ICE Detention Facility**

WICHITA, KS – Julie Burkhart, founder and CEO of Trust Women, released the following statement regarding a whistleblower [complaint](#) asserting high rates of hysterectomies and medical neglect at an ICE detention facility in Georgia.

“What we’re learning about the high number of hysterectomies performed on women detained by ICE in a privately-operated Georgia facility is reprehensible and an appalling violation of human rights. This has everything to do with systemic racism and misogyny--by attempting to control women’s fertility, the Trump administration and its extremist political allies are attempting to control women’s lives. This is unacceptable, and Trust Women stands with the many human rights and reproductive justice organizations who are calling on Congress to take immediate action to stop these abuses.”

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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.*