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Statement Regarding Lawsuit Challenging Abortion Regulations

ST. LOUIS – Karen Nolkemper, Executive Director of the Respect Life Apostolate of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, issued the following statement in response to the lawsuit filed by Planned Parenthood challenging common-sense health & safety regulations on abortion facilities in the state of Missouri:

No abortion clinic will ever be safe for unborn children, but the common-sense safety requirements Planned Parenthood is challenging are designed to protect women from undue harm at the hands of abortion providers.

Women considering abortion need to know they do have options that do not involve the destruction of human life. Thankfully, due to the tireless work of pro-life advocates, abortions in Missouri fell by 36% between 2005 and 2014. We stand with the more than 30 St. Louis-area pregnancy resource centers, maternity homes, and other organizations ready to assist women by offering free ultrasounds, pregnancy tests, health care, as well as material, financial and spiritual support before and after their child is born. We will continue to speak for and offer help to those who have no voice, and to seek legal protections for innocent lives.

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