

# PRESS STATEMENT December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016

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At this very moment five simultaneous Press conferences are being held outside of the St. Louis, Columbia, Springfield, Joplin, and Kansas City Planned Parenthood sites by Missouri citizens and pro-woman leaders. As pro-woman leaders, citizens, and lawmakers, we have called this historic Press Conference today to formally blow the whistle and for THREE VERY SPECIFIC REASONS.

**NUMBER #1) We formally respond to the troubling news that Planned Parenthood affiliates in Missouri filed a federal lawsuit Wednesday, November 30th in a shocking attempt to nullify vitally important, very basic laws put in place by Missouri lawmakers to protect women's safety and health.** This latest action is yet another demonstration of Planned Parenthood's staggering disregard for the health and wellbeing of Missouri's women. And punctuates an exhaustive list of actions over the last several years which put on full display their wanton disregard for the safety of the women they serve. **Planned Parenthood's desire to erase** very basic and foundational medical standards which any legitimate surgical center would happily comply with and which ALL surgical centers outside of the billion dollar abortion industry DO comply with, is as flabbergasting as it is dangerous. Planned Parenthood's desire to dodge basic safety practices which are being followed, as we speak, by every other surgical center in Missouri is startling and egregious. Particularly in light of the fact that on December 2nd Congress issued a **recommendation for criminal charges** to be pursued against Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast due to believed criminal activity. And just as importantly, that our own Missouri State lawmakers (Sen. Ron Richard, Sen. Kurt Schaefer, Sen. Jeanie Riddle, Sen. Will Krause, Sen. Mike Kehoe, Sen. Eric Schmitt, Sen. Bob Onder, M.D. and Sen. David Sater) issued an explosive "whistleblower" report in July, 2016 after investigating Missouri Planned Parenthood locations, using Planned Parenthood's own internal documents to cite **shocking indifference to women's health, possibly constituting medical malpractice.**

**NUMBER #2) Today we sound the alarm by issuing a safety alert, urging extreme caution to women throughout Missouri.** It has been uncovered that 911 calls have summoned emergency ambulances to a Planned Parenthood abortion facility right here in Missouri **63 times** since 2009, averaging one 911 call and ambulance response **every 42 days.** The fire department's recent release of documents which record the reasons for these calls, teamed with the images of women being carried out on stretchers, captured on camera by first hand witnesses is **UNBEARABLE and clear cause for the issuance of this safety alert.**

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**NUMBER #3) For these reasons, we demand the following: A vigorous defense by Attorney General Chris Koster and the prosecuting attorneys** in Greene County, Dan Patterson; Jackson County, Jean Peters Baker; Boone County, Daniel Knight, and Jasper county, Dean Dankelson against this willfully irresponsible suit - Planned Parenthood's ill-advised attempt to thwart the vitally important and very basic safety laws with which every other surgical center in the state willingly complies must be aggressively opposed.

**We demand an immediate revocation of the abortion clinic license at the St. Louis site while a thorough investigation of the 63 ambulance visits to Planned Parenthood by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services and other enforcement entities is conducted.** Other states have taken such action after only a few incidents of this nature. **The Department of Health and Senior Services must not turn a blind eye to this mounting crisis,** and appropriate action in keeping with the obvious threat to women's safety must be taken. Additionally, at least two Planned Parenthood locations in Missouri have been **refused a new surgical license due to their inability to comply with basic safety standards** which all other surgical centers are maintaining throughout Missouri. We celebrate this decision by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services and demand that this status be rigorously upheld and that our court system does not allow these sites to avoid essential safety protocols by issuing a license under cover of night.

**It is essential that the various organizations and people named in this statement who have been empowered and entrusted to do so, take immediate action on behalf of the women of Missouri.**

**Women and men on both sides of the issue are urged to join us in blowing the whistle and to unite around our shared and deep concern for the safety of women by join a unifying effort to ensure their safety.**

For more information regarding Planned Parenthood's dangerous and unsafe practices which ignore the safety of women or to join the initiative, visit [www.womenmustbesafe.com](http://www.womenmustbesafe.com)

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