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Archdiocese of St. Louis Responds to Supreme Court Decision on Texas Law

ST. LOUIS – Today the U.S. Supreme Court struck down a common sense Texas law that sought to protect women by requiring abortion facilities to meet the same health and safety standards as other ambulatory surgical centers.

In response, Karen Nolkemper, Executive Director of the Respect Life Apostolate of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, said:

“No abortion clinic will ever be safe for unborn children, but these common sense safety requirements struck down by the Supreme Court would have at least protected women from undue harm at the hands of abortion providers. We will continue to speak for those who have no voice and to seek legal protections for innocent lives.”

The Missouri Catholic Conference (MCC), the public policy agency for Missouri’s Catholic bishops, issued a statement saying, “The MCC will continue its efforts to ensure that women in crisis pregnancies have access to agencies that offer alternatives to abortion.”

Mike Hoey, Executive Director of the MCC, added:

“The decision is profoundly disappointing, but it will not stop the decades-long effort of pro-life citizens to protect women and their unborn babies from the abortion industry.”

The full Missouri Catholic Conference statement can be found at m catholic.org.

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