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Good afternoon,

In response to the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Whole Woman's Health v. Hellerstedt*, Senator Blunt issued the following statement:

"I'm disappointed in the Supreme Court's decision in Whole Woman's Health today. Just three years ago in 2013, the nation learned the extent of the horrific crimes Kermit Gosnell committed against vulnerable women and children in Pennsylvania. In the wake of that tragedy, Texas enacted a law to make sure that women in their state were never put in the same danger, requiring doctors and surgical centers to meet the basic standards of care that women deserve. The Texas law, like the one we have had on the books in Missouri since 2005, is about protecting women's health and safety."

You may recall that Senator Blunt joined as one of several signers to a congressional amicus brief in the case led by Senator Cornyn, Senator Cruz, Rep. Hartzler, and Rep. Olson in February of 2016: <https://www.cornyn.senate.gov/content/cornyn-cruz-lead-coalition-filing-amicus-brief-support-texas-hb-2>

Thank you,
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