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Over 100 Kansas Politicians Voted Against Women's Reproductive Rights Again Many of these legislators ignored the will of voters in their district to push their extreme anti-abortion agenda

Topeka, Kans. – On the second anniversary of the *Dobbs* decision that ended federal protections for abortion, an advocacy group is highlighting lawmakers who continue to interfere in Kansans' private reproductive decisions. During the 2024 Legislative session, over 100 politicians ignored the will of Kansas voters to push through extreme anti-abortion laws that violate Kansans' constitutional rights. Despite voters' clear message in August 2022, 66 of <u>these politicians</u> even ignored the will of the voters in their very own district to push an extreme anti-abortion agenda that violates Kansans freedom.

"Voters made clear in August 2022 that Kansans deserve the right to privacy and to make our own personal medical decisions about contraception, fertility, pregnancy, miscarriage care, and abortion," **Ashley All, President of the Kansas Coalition for Common Sense, said.** "Not only did these politicians ignore the majority of Kansans, many of them even ignored voters in their own district that they represent - all so they could violate our privacy and control Kansas women."

Extreme politicians in the Kansas Legislature pushed through multiple divisive bills that restrict reproductive rights, violate patient privacy, criminalize doctor's ability to help protect the lives and health of patients, and take control of Kansans' personal medical decisions.

"For example, Senator Kellie Warren ignored the majority of Kansans when she voted for these extreme bills and she also ignored the voters in her own district," said All. "Senator Warren refused to represent the voters in her district who voted by over 65% to keep politicians out of private medical decisions about abortion."

According to the <u>Kansas City Star</u>, the Kansas Senate and House of Representatives voted to override the governor's veto on two bills that restrict reproductive rights and violate patients' medical privacy.

"Extreme anti-abortion politicians have ignored the will of Kansas voters time and time again because they think they know what's best for us and want to control our most personal medical decisions," **All said.** "Government has no business interfering in the private medical decisions made by patients in consultation with their doctors and their families."

Another egregious example is House District 35 where over 80% of voters opposed the "Value Them Both Amendment" and voted to protect reproductive rights in the Kansas Constitution. "Representative Marvin Robinson voted against the vast majority of voters in his own district and against all Kansas women," said All.

111 lawmakers voted to override the governor's veto on HB 2749:

- Kansas <u>House of Representatives</u>
- Kansas <u>Senate</u>

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• Kansas House of Representatives

• Kansas <u>Senate</u>

66 politicians voted against the will of their OWN District:

• These <u>elected leaders</u> did not listen to the will of their constituents.

Over 100 politicians voted to:

- Require healthcare providers to violate patient privacy and report to the government the patient's private, personal health information.
- Criminalize the discussions doctors have with patients about high risk pregnancies, abortion, and private health decisions.
- Further restrict the right to access abortion.