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**PRIVACY TRUMPS SAFETY FOR CHILDREN
Who are the abortion providers protecting?**

According to statistics, only about 10 percent of victims of sexual assault actually report the victimization to law enforcement officials. [Kilpatrick, Edmunds, and Seymour, 1992; CSOM Training Curriculum: Educating the Community about Sexual Assault – Section 1] The same report details the fact that 90 percent of children that are assaulted know their assailant – a parent, family member, and teacher, friend of the family or someone who has cultivated a relationship with them.

“These facts illustrate that children most of all are not likely to report their abuse; in fact, they tend to cover up the abuse out of shame, fear, or intimidation by someone they know and, in many cases upon whom they depend,” states Judy Smith, State Director of Concerned Women for America of Kansas. “They rely on schools, medical personnel, counselors and concerned people to protect them from these heinous crimes. Abortion providers who apparently value privacy more than they value their duty to report sexual abuse to proper authorities should submit records to proper authorities, which the judge will redact before the attorney general sees them. Attorney-General Kline is upholding the law; as the chief law enforcement officer in Kansas he has to do whatever he can do to make sure children are protected to the fullest extent of the law.”

Kansas statutes provide that sex with minors whether consensual or nonconsensual is a crime. Crime investigators routinely use redacted medical records to apprehend criminals. Since a crime has been committed against a girl under the age of 14 who seeks an abortion, it makes perfect sense to use these redacted records in a criminal investigation of sexual abuse.

“It is time that the laws of the state are upheld and those who perpetrate crimes against our vulnerable children are brought to justice,” states Smith. “It is a travesty of justice to protect those who harm our children.”