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OF OBSTETRICIANS
AND GYNECOLOGISTS
MISSOURI SECTION

Re: SB5, Special Session

August 1, 2017

The Missouri Section Advisory Council (SAC) of the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists is disappointed with the recent decision of the state legislature and the governor to impose legislative and political interference into the practice of medicine.

ACOG fully supports the rights of women, girls, and families to access all legal healthcare options, including abortion, and to make decisions privately about that healthcare in the context of the patient-physician relationship.

As the Supreme Court of the United States found last June in the Whole Women's Health decision, restrictions such as those signed by Gov. Eric Greitens, do not improve the safety and well-being of women seeking abortion care.

The SAC encourages the administration to work with Missouri Ob/Gyns in supporting all of the health care needs of Missouri women including efforts to lower our maternal mortality rates and reduce the occurrence of unintended pregnancy and abortion, through sexual education programs and expanded access to contraception.

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