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Senate Committee on Seniors, Families, Veterans and Military Affairs
201 West Capitol Avenue Room 416
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Chair White and Vice Chair Gannon,

On behalf of the American Society for Reproductive Medicine (ASRM), I am writing to express strong opposition to [SB 1178](#) which would curtail the reproductive rights of the residents of Missouri and leave some facing life-threatening risk.

ASRM is a multidisciplinary organization of nearly 8,000 professionals dedicated to the advancement of the art, science, and practice of reproductive medicine. Distinguished members of ASRM include obstetricians and gynecologists, urologists, reproductive endocrinologists, embryologists, mental health professionals and others.

SB 1178 would restrict the people of Missouri's access to abortion by curtailing access to the medications used for some abortion procedures. What the bill does not consider is both the medical necessity and efficacy of these medications. Evidence-based practice, for which ASRM and major medical groups have all voiced support, shows that these medications are safe and cost-effective to the patient and the state in the first nine weeks of pregnancy. For survivors of trauma, the ability to manage their care in a safe setting is crucial to their emotional well-being.

Perhaps most critically, the same pills used in a medical abortion are also used in clinical practice for miscarriage care up to 13 weeks. Criminalizing and banning these medications as proposed in SB 1178 would put the women of Missouri at risk.

For these reasons and others, I strongly urge you to oppose the passage of SB 1178.

For more information, feel free to contact me or Sean Tipton, our Chief Advocacy and Policy officer at Stipton@asrm.org or 202-421-5112.

Sincerely,

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