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## **Statement from Addia Wuchner, Executive Director, on behalf of Kentucky Right to Life and our Chapters across the Commonwealth**

Today, July 22, 2022, Jefferson Circuit Judge Mitch Perry issued a ruling to continue blocking the Humanity in Healthcare Act of 2022 and the ‘Heartbeat Law’ of 2019. Abortions in Kentucky continue to be performed, despite the overturn of Roe and the “Trigger Law” passed in 2019 in a bipartisan vote. That law ended abortion in Kentucky when or if Roe was overturned, with the exception of the health risk and medical condition of the mother.

Let me be direct, Kentucky’s battle for the human rights of the child is in the courts because Planned Parenthood, ACLU and EMW seek to have a Kentucky judge and our courts undermine the laws of the Commonwealth.

We find today’s decision by Judge Perry an exercise in raw judicial power on behalf of the abortion industry.

What is most disturbing is that Judge Perry wrote in his opinion, “the court finds any harm the defendants may suffer is outweighed by the interests of the plaintiffs,” which effectively means he believes that the abortion providers’ interest outweighs the life of a human child.

Kentucky’s laws to push back the aggression of the Roe decision, reflect the values of Kentuckians that honor the humanity of both the woman and her child. For over 100 years, the laws of the Commonwealth have upheld the intrinsic dignity of each and every life, defined in our Constitution as beginning at conception.

As prolife advocates, today’s ruling only confirms our mission this November to pass Constitutional Amendment 2, ‘Yes for Life,’ so that no politician, president, legislator or judge can invent the right to abortion based on political ideologies or interpretations of our constitution or the influence of any extremist multimillion dollar industry representing their own interests.

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