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Missouri Catholic Conference Responds to Court Ruling Blocking Portions of HB 126

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JEFFERSON CITY — The Missouri Catholic Conference (MCC) expresses its disappointment in today’s federal court ruling enjoining enforcement of portions of HB 126, also known as the “Missouri Stands for the Unborn Act.” “We are disappointed that Judge Sachs has chosen to block the portions of HB 126 that protect human life from the moment a heartbeat is detected and before viability,” said Tyler McClay, Executive Director of the Missouri Catholic Conference. “We are encouraged, however, by his decision at this point not to enjoin enforcement of a provision that would ban abortions sought solely based upon sex, race, or a diagnosis of Down Syndrome,” he said.

The MCC supported HB 126 throughout the 2019 legislative session hoping that HB 126, along with similar bills passed in other states, would help to change the narrative about abortion by redirecting the conversation to the humanity of unborn life. It is our hope that Judge Sachs and others considering HB 126 going forward will consider the provisions of this legislation in the light of the undeniable body of scientific evidence revealing the reality of human life inside the womb and the legitimate interest of the State of Missouri in protecting that life. Judge Sach’s decision to preserve the ban on abortions sought solely based upon sex, race, or a diagnosis of Down Syndrome appears to be a move in that direction.