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JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – Today, Representative John Martin issued the following statement in response to Planned Parenthood’s reopening in Columbia:

“As Planned Parenthood has reopened its doors in Columbia, I encourage anyone considering abortion to reach out to local pregnancy resource centers to learn about their many life-affirming services. Across the state, these centers offer compassionate support, ensuring women have access to vital resources and fully understand their options before making such a significant decision.

Visit <https://directory.herplan.org/> to find local resources across Missouri.

There are numerous programs available to assist women with prenatal care, parenting support, adoption services, and other essential health needs. Many centers also provide free ultrasounds, which allows mothers to see their baby’s development and hear their heartbeat and helps them make informed choices that prioritize both their well-being and that of their child.

We must continue to advocate for compassionate solutions that support both mothers and their unborn children, ensuring that no woman feels pressured into a decision she may later regret. Alarming, the previous 72-hour waiting period requirement that gave mothers time to think about their choices was struck down in the courts. In addition, abortionists are no longer required to have hospital admitting privileges for emergency cases. These changes highlight an abortion industry that lacks concern for the safety of mothers and innocent life.

I believe a basic role of government is to protect innocent life, and I believe in exceptions for the life of the mother. I will continue to work on Pro-life legislation, stand with women and their unborn babies, and promote a culture of life.”

Rep. John Martin, a Republican, represents part of Boone County, (District 44) in the Missouri House of Representatives. Rep. Martin was elected in November 2024. For more information, please contact Rep. Martin at 573-751-1169 or by email at John.Martin@house.mo.gov.

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