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Court Decision Leaves Women Without Adequate Medical Follow-Up

"Today's decision by the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals to maintain the temporary restraining order on Wisconsin's new law which requires a person performing an abortion to have admitting privileges at a hospital within 30 miles does not benefit women who suffer abortion complications," said Heather Weininger, Legislative Director for Wisconsin Right to Life. "It is disturbing that a woman is placed in an ambulance and sent to an emergency room where medical personnel do not know her medical history or what happened to her at the abortion clinic. The whole purpose of the law to protect women's health is negated by preventing the law from going into effect."

The decision by the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals to keep the temporary restraining order in place is in direct conflict with a decision by the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals which allowed a similar Texas law to go into effect. The challenged provision now heads back to federal district court where a trial will be held before Judge William Conley to determine whether the law is constitutional.

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