



Dear Friend,

Happy Fourth of July. As many of you know, Independence Day was of special importance to Dr. Tiller. He was extremely proud of serving his country, and he always made a big to-do at the clinic for the Fourth of July. Our clinics fly the American flag every day. It's important to me that we continue that tradition, and it's another way we honor Dr. Tiller. I believe the right to choose reflects everything that is great about this country. **After all, reproductive rights are, at their core, about freedom.**

## *What's new at Trust Women*

- Our Wichita clinic has updated its 24-hour consent forms to comply with a Kansas law requiring clinics such as ours to disclose prejudicial information about our providers. Anti-choice laws like Senate Bill 83, which went into effect Saturday, force Trust Women to spend money on legal fees and invest our time in ways that do not help women or their families. The type of information our clinic now must make available before a woman can see us for abortion care — such as whether a physician has hospital privileges within a 30-mile radius or lives in Kansas — is not required for doctors who provide any other type of health care. Many hospitals will not grant

privileges for physicians who provide abortion care because of politics, and lawmakers and the antis know this. So dictating that our clinic divulge whether a doctor has hospital privileges is just one more way to unfairly stigmatize the providers who sacrifice so much to serve our patients. A TRAP (Targeted Regulation Against Abortion Providers) law requiring that our physicians have hospital privileges is enjoined in Kansas. **I remain grateful for the doctors who continue to do this work in politically hostile environments.**

- **The Lady Parts Justice League Vagical Mystery Tour** was a huge hit in Oklahoma City and Wichita. The comedians not only entertained us but did some community service at our clinics. In Oklahoma City, they planted flowers near our entrance. In Wichita, they decorated bulletin boards featuring inspiring messages for our patients there and in Oklahoma City. Patients can take a message home or write one to leave for another woman. I participated in a panel discussion on stage at the end of the Wichita show.



Comedians from the Vagical Mystery Tour aren't just outrageously funny. They're also crafty.

- Our canvass is under way in Kansas and Oklahoma. We are going door-to-door to talk to people about protecting reproductive rights and to identify supporters. This grassroots type of work is essential to the movement. It's how we make a difference. I am proud that we are in the trenches — in some pretty hot weather at that.
- My [latest op ed for The Hill](#) was about the intersection of reproductive rights and the environment. I hope you'll give it a read.

Again, happy Fourth of July, and I hope you have a great week.

My best,



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