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**Statement RE: Representative Todd Akin**

His comments suggesting that a "legitimate rape" would not lead to pregnancy were both inaccurate and dangerous. I am a survivor of rape at gunpoint and I became pregnant as a result of the rape. I obtained an abortion at a time that it was illegal for a doctor to provide it. The person who provided it was not a doctor and left me hemorrhaging and with an infection that almost killed me. Todd Akin appears to care more about winning a political campaign for the U.S. Senate than he does about rape victims and whether they live or die. Although he is now trying to back track his true feelings are clear from his past record of supporting laws that would eliminate a woman's right to choose abortion and also his opposition to laws which would protect women from spousal rape. Todd Akin is not just a disgrace to the people of Missouri. He is now a national disgrace, because he is willing to put the lives of rape victims at risk by preventing them from getting legal abortions, simply to further his own political career.

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