

PUBLIC COMMENTS

HB 2337

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH

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Jessica Tiedt

Self, Chief Court Administrator

Georgetown, TX

This bill will not help reduce abortions, please do not pass it out of committee. Thank you.

Tah Thomas

Self

Dallas, TX

Chairwoman Klick, I would respectfully request that the veterans designation be removed from the bill. I believe that all who suffer from PTSD should be allowed the benefit of this medicinal plant. Please reconsider this on behalf of myself and likely many of your constituents. Thank you for your time and understanding.

Bergan Casey, Mrs

Planned parenthood of greater Texas

Austin, TX

Legislators need to keep their hands off our bodies. Abortion is a difficult and sometimes necessary procedure that is a women's business and not yours. There are so many more important issues for you to be handling this session including gun control, energy regulation and education funding than restricting a woman's access.

Haleigh Wallace

Self

Austin, TX

Dear representatives,

I am writing to you with deep concern about the 7 anti-abortion bills that are scheduled to be heard on Wednesday of next week.

I want to share with you my story. It is a very uncomfortable thing to do, but I hope that you read it, and I hope that you can understand the way that these anti-abortion bills affect real people.

Last year, I found myself in a position where I had had a sexual encounter that I did not want to have with someone that I did not want to have that with. Despite using a condom and taking emergency contraception immediately afterwards, I found myself pregnant. For my physical and mental health (and because very simply, I do not want to bring a child into this world), I knew that continuing the pregnancy was not an option for me.

Because of all of the regulations that Texas already has in place, this was not a fast or easy process. Because there are so few clinics left in the state, each one is very full, and the soonest I could get an appointment was almost two weeks later. Because of the waiting period that Texas mandates, I then needed to schedule a second appointment, and again, because of the lack of

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availability, I was unable to make an appointment right away. By the time I had jumped through all of the hoops that Texas already requires, I was 7 weeks pregnant.

Despite the fact that I had used two forms of contraception, despite the fact that I had realized I was pregnant as early as it is medically possible, despite the fact that I called to schedule my appointment that same day, I was pregnant, and I was already outside of that 6 week window.

The majority of people do not realize they are pregnant as early as I did. Then add to that the lack of clinics in the state and the mandated waiting period. Understand that a 6 week abortion ban is a TOTAL abortion ban. This is unconstitutional and it threatens the health and well-being of every person in this state who can get pregnant.

Sometimes we find ourselves in situations that we don't want to be in. Unfortunately, there are times when we don't have control over the sexual situations that happen to us. Sometimes we can take every precaution available, and yet things happen anyway. Politicians try to paint people who have abortions as irresponsible, but sometimes you can do everything right, and it is not enough.

I did not deserve to be punished for that encounter. I did not deserve to have my health and my life put at risk by continuing an unwanted pregnancy. I am thankful every day for my abortion and for the doctors and nurses who kindly and gently helped me through it.

I know how easily any of this could happen again, and the idea that I might not have a say in what happens to me next terrifies me and gives me deep anxiety.

Please understand that these laws affect real people and put real people at risk. Understand that these restrictions are not just restrictions, but effectively a complete abortion ban.

Thank you for reading.

Amanda Reyna

self

San Antonio, TX

I oppose HB 2337. Restricting access to procedures restricts the ability for Texans to make a choice involving their person. Criminalizing a medical procedure leads to unsafe procedures, which could lead to death.

Laila Khalili

Myself

Houston, TX

I had an abortion when I was 21. I was in college full time, working full time, and had undiagnosed depression and PTSD. I was in no way ready to have a child, and I knew I wanted an abortion. I didn't find out I was pregnant until I was 9 weeks along.

I am in my thirties now, a homeowner, leading a happy and fulfilling life, engaged to the love of my life, working to better my community. My abortion was a blessing. It enabled me to finish college, work, and take care of myself and my family.

Why is this your business? Why are you spending the little time you have in session creating cruel, unnecessary legislation that hurts your constituents? This legislation is a violation of my privacy and my constitutional right to access health care. It is an insult to me and every single person who has had an abortion, to every person in this state.

I promise you that you know and love people who have had an abortion. Vote against this legislation. For me. For your loved ones. For all Texans who deserve to make personal health care decisions with dignity and respect.

Vote no.

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Maureen Johnson  
self medical health professional  
Austin, TX

I oppose HB 2337 which provides criminal penalties relating to the regulation of drug-induced abortion procedures, providers and facilities.

This is yet another bill aiming at taking away a woman's constitutional right to end a pregnancy and to scare away professionals involved in the process. Passing this legislation will be one more step toward pushing women into dangerous abortion alternatives outside the safety of medical facilities under the supervision of professionals. Women will continue to have abortions, but more women will die as a result of this bill's passage.

I ask you to vote no to HB 2337.

Maureen Johnson

Lora Wildenthal  
self professor  
Houston, TX

Medication abortion is extremely safe and effective, with a safety record of over 99%. There is no medical reason to further regulate or restrict medication abortion, except as a way to undermine a woman's right to an abortion in general. That is politics, not science.

I urge you to represent Texas women and majority opinion in this country, which IS in favor of a right to abortion, with some limitations. This isn't one of them. Please listen to and support women in their majority, not extremists who try to score political points with their funders at the expense of women.

Matt Kaufmann  
self; computer scientist  
Austin, TX

Many reasonable people differ in their views on abortion. Government should avoid using its heavy hand in such matters, so I oppose this bill.

Danielle Lail  
self  
Austin, TX

I oppose this bill and all restrictions on abortion. This bill places extensive restrictions on how and when a provider can provide medication abortion. Mifepristone, the medication used in a medication abortion, is already subject to FDA restrictions and has a proven safety record.

Medication abortion is extremely safe and effective and gives patients the option to end their pregnancy at home or in another setting in which they feel comfortable, while still providing them with the medical support and information they need.

Any attempt to restrict medication abortion is clearly motivated by politics, not science.

This bill is in direct conflict with the FDA label. In April 2019, the FDA approved the first generic form of mifepristone,

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following a review of the evidence that medication abortion is a safe, effective way to end an early pregnancy — with a safety record of over 99%.

Deanna Koblenz

self

Tomball, TX

Seeking an abortion is NOT something gleefully sought. It is a CHOICE made of desperation, by an already living human being, which for no reason, be a decision resulting in a "civil penalty" or indeed, a "criminal offense". An unplanned, unwanted pregnancy is a devastation, not a wonderfully joyful experience, as being pregnant should be. What if someone you love, a daughter, a relative, a friend, were to be confronted with such overwhelming pain? With your bill, the person who would be destroyed is the one alive, not the cells inside her body. Shouldn't SHE count? Shouldn't SHE matter to you, as a representative of this state? Perhaps better to show care those those of us already here. We are the ones who need you. As chair of the public health committee, please consider more compassionate consideration for the female portion of the public. WE DO MATTER! Thank you for listening.

Jennie Kuzdzal

self / biologist

Houston, TX

My name is Jennie Kuzdzal, and I oppose House Bill 2337

Pregnancy carries inherent health risks, and no one should be forced to unwillingly endure these. HB 2337 would severely restrict access to extremely safe and effective medication abortions. Since the FDA has approved generic mifepristone as safe (over 99%), these efforts to restrict medication abortions are clearly politically motivated and not based on science. It is impossible to predict what situations might arise during pregnancy, and I would not want to be pregnant in a state where women have lost the right to make their own health care decisions. As a mother of two, I believe that these decisions should be made by an individual and her doctor, not the government.

I urge you to defend women's rights by rejecting House Bill 2337.

Mary Selby

Self

Austin, TX

I am in strong opposition of HB 2337. Limiting reproductive rights does not help Texans, it hurts them. With the reduction of medical facilities throughout Texas, we must seek medical attention in different ways. Please do not limit the choices Texans have. Many already have to travel 2+ hours for basic healthcare as it is. Please note that I am in strong opposition of HB 2337. Thank you for your time.

Jasmine Pena

Self- Epidemiologist

Houston, TX

My name is Jasmine Pena and I oppose House Bill 2337. The FDA has classified Mifepristone as a consistently safe and effective drug. Additionally, Mifepristone is the safest method of abortion and therefore should not be taken away as an option. There is no scientific basis to prohibit the use of Mifepristone, only politically motivated interference. I urge you to oppose HB 2337 so individuals have access to safe abortions and are not subjected to more harmful pregnancy prevention alternatives. Thank you.

Alicia Dennis

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self

San Antonio, TX

I'm vehemently opposed to this bill, which would limit women's access to medication abortion. Mifepristone, the medication used, has been proven safe and effective by the FDA, and is already subject to federal regulation. This is not a bill motivated by science or realistic social equity, but politics—pandering to voters who are terrified to let go of the patriarchal, woman-punishing status quo.

Julie Campbell

none

AUSTIN, TX

This bill not only ignores the needs of patients and the advice of medical experts in the safety and efficacy of this medicine it also completely ignores SCIENCE. Why does this sound familiar? This is so insulting, how can this bill even be filed under Public Health when it is so obviously a violation against 50% of the public and their well being.

Susan Taylor

self

Canyon Lake, TX

Re HB 2337 & SB 394, the needless restrictions on medication abortion which has been shown to be safe, effective, an option which is Federal Drug Agency-approved, and one which women can use in the privacy of their own homes. There is nothing but politics that is behind this. You must stop trying to force women to carry embryos to term. Reject the bill and preserve women's right to choice. Or, take away a man's choice for a change and see what happens, since there is no abortion without the man from whom it begins. Ban all un-permitted ejaculation if the goal is reducing abortion.

Veronica J Esparza, Mrs

Self/ retired educator & Counselor

El Paso, TX

All abortions must be stopped & pursued as crimes

Barbara Select

Self - retired

Dallas, TX

This is an attack on women's rights and would force women to find an unsafe practitioner in the dark alleys. Women have the right to a safe and healthy abortion if they choose one. If the supporters of this bill truly believed in pro-life, there would be bills to provide pre- and post-natal care, nutritious food supplies, medical coverage for preventative care, education, an increase in minimum wage, eliminate the death penalty, etc.

Legislating abortion is not something the TX legislature should even be involved with - it is extreme intrusion into a woman's decision on her health care. Most Texans support access to safe, legal abortion. Instead the legislature should be addressing the multitude of other priority issues facing Texas, such as: COVID, the energy collapse during February's storm. It's time to stop these attacks on women's rights to choose. Maybe start a bill that requires vasectomies instead!

Angela Marez

Self; Business Co-Owner

Cedar Park, TX

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An ABORTION IS AN ABORTION! NO MATTER HOW IT'S DONE! Whether a 'Provider' takes the Child's Life or whether the Mother does this in the Privacy and Comfort of wherever she likes! Perhaps, the Violence of the Abortion doesn't require a Government Facility, but the End Result is the SAME! SOMEONE HAS DIED and it's ALWAYS THE INFANT AND SOMETIMES EVEN THE MOTHER who chose this 'less invasive route.' AGAIN, CRIMINAL PENALTIES SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE ONES WHO DOLL OUT SUCH ABORTIVE DRUGS!  
LET'S MAKE TEXAS A "SANCTUARY STATE" FOR THE PRE-BORN CITIZENS OF THIS GREAT STATE!

Marlene Rubin

Self/Retired

Houston, TX

Abortion by a licensed and appropriately trained physician should be allowed up to the 12th week of pregnancy and even later if the mother's life is in danger.

NO to HB 2337

Debra Leff

SELF

AUSTIN, TX

I, DEBRA LEFF, am against this bill. I just can't understand how men can order pills to help them with erectile dysfunction and women will not be able to order pills from the resulting pregnancy (if they deem it too difficult to carry). It is so lopsided and unfair. These pills are used very early in a pregnancy, that seems like a sensible rule to carry forward. A woman can use the pill for the first 3-4 months. Have you looked at the pictures of these fetuses? These are collections of cells early on, not "children". Perhaps the committee should learn more about this process. I oppose this restriction.

Laurie Coffin

N/A

Austin, TX

I oppose HB 2337. HB 2337 is in direct conflict with the FDA, which already regulates medication abortion and has determined it is safe and effective.

According to a recent Hart Research poll, 77% of Texans agree that whether someone has private or government funded healthcare, it's important for every Texan to be able to get the full range of reproductive healthcare, including annual screenings, birth control, pregnancy tests, and abortion.

It is time for the Texas Legislature to stop violating the privacy of Texas women and stop regulating our healthcare decisions. I urge you to reject these bills and focus on delivering solutions to the real problems Texans currently face.

Natalie Roehen

Self, Teacher

San Antonio, TX

I believe that this bill is unjust and unconstitutional. Not only does it violate the standards set by Roe v. Wade, it also imposes nearly insurmountable restrictions against the healthcare choices of millions of Texans. Abortion care and family planning are valid and widely-used aspects of public healthcare--turning even the seeking of an abortion into a criminal act would turn millions of civilians into criminals when they are just pleading for help in a variety of circumstances. And to go so far as to criminalize abortion even in the cases of rape, incest, and health of the pregnant person being endangered--all of which are exceptions for abortion care widely held and supported by even the most stringent of conservatives--not only endangers a

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pregnant person's freedom but also their life and health. To pass this would also ignore the basic fact that this and other bills would not stop pregnant people from undergoing abortions: instead, it would push them to seek unsafe methods, such as the infamous "back alley doctors" or the use of household items such as bleach and wire coat-hangers, which can cause everything from irreparable damage of organs to death. So in the purported claim of "saving lives", passing this bill would indeed kill twice as many--we have seen this time and time again throughout our nation, and it is enraging that you are attempting to relive those days against the evidence of science, history, and the lived experiences of millions.

Not to mention the sheer hypocrisy involved in the mass passage of these bills by politicians claiming themselves to be "pro-life": they choose not to focus on aspects that would help negate the downsides of unplanned pregnancies, such as funding for healthcare, education, and childcare, nor do they promote foundations of family planning that would prevent the number of unwanted pregnancies, such as medically-accurate sex education and affordable access to birth control. Instead, the focus seems to be to birth as many children as possible, without taking into regard the health and safety of the pregnant parent or the potential quality of life that awaits the unborn--and then, when the aftermath becomes less than ideal, the attention directs to blaming the pregnant person and/or the born child for those effects, instead of turning one's blame inwards. You cannot criminalize the millions of pregnant people who seek abortions every year, ignore all other effective policies and solutions, and then still claim to be "pro-life"; you are only "pro-birth", seeking to control the bodies of anyone who happens to be born with a uterus.

In passing this bill, we would resemble the most intolerant and undemocratic of societies, as fundamentalist and anti-science as nations with similar policies are today. Instead of making Texas a better state for families, you intend to endanger the lives of your constituents. I want to be proud of my state, not ashamed of our regression. Please reject this bill.

Lisa Stone

self: educator

Houston, TX

I join all those, including a majority of Texans, who oppose efforts to limit abortion rights and access.

This bill places extensive restrictions on how and when a provider can provide medication abortion. Mifepristone, the medication used in a medication abortion, is already subject to FDA restrictions and has a proven safety record.

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Any attempt to restrict medication abortion is clearly motivated by politics, not science.

This bill is in direct conflict with the FDA label. In April 2019, the FDA approved the first generic form of mifepristone, following a review of the evidence that medication abortion is a safe, effective way to end an early pregnancy — with a safety record of over 99%.

This bill takes enforcement decisions out of the hands of local governments.

I urge you to oppose HB 2337, and all HBs that aim to diminish women's abortion rights.

Lori& Stockstiel

National Council of Jewish Women San Antonio

Fair Oaks Ranch, TX

This is completely out of synch with my religious beliefs, which state that a fetus is not considered a human being until it takes its first breath!

Isabel Ray, Mrs.

self; communications

Austin, TX

I oppose HB 2337. This bill is based on an extreme, unpopular ideology, not on medical science. Medication abortion is extremely safe, with less than one half of one percent of patients having serious complications. This bill is in direct conflict with

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the FDA label. Additionally, both the American Medical Association and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists—experts in this field—support the use of telemedicine with medication abortion, in opposition to this bill.

In a state as vast as Texas, the legislature should be looking for ways to bring healthcare to more people—not trying to restrict the means by which that safe, medically proven healthcare can be delivered.

As a Texan, I support increasing access to abortion. I strongly oppose HB 2337 and ask the committee members to vote against it.

Mary Mabry

self

Spring, TX

I, like the majority of Americans, want abortion to be safe and legal, without the restrictions and penalties associated with this bill.

Carol Ortiz, Ms.

self/retired

Montgomery, TX

I STRONGLY OPPOSE HB 2337. Please vote NO to advance it out of committee.

Danna Ghafir

Self

Sugar Land, TX

My name is Danna Ghafir, and I am a medical student in Texas, and I oppose HB 2337. I'm writing to urge you to support bills that improve women's health care in Texas and oppose the bills that do not, and HB 2337 will have horrible consequences for the health of Texas women.

We are taught in medical school that, as future physicians, we must advocate for the fundamental principles of autonomy, social justice, and the primacy of patient welfare. HB 2337 places extensive restrictions on how and when a provider can provide medication abortion. Both medication and surgical abortion are among the safest procedures in American healthcare today. Abortion is safer than a shot of penicillin, a dose of Viagra, and far and away safer than childbirth. According to a study in the peer-reviewed Obstetrics and Gynecology journal, the risk of death associated with childbirth is approximately 14x higher than that with abortion. [Source: Obstetrics and Gynecology]. Any attempt to restrict medication abortion is clearly motivated by politics, not science. This bill is in direct conflict with the FDA label. In April 2019, the FDA approved the first generic form of mifepristone, following a review of the evidence that medication abortion is a safe, effective way to end an early pregnancy — with a safety record of over 99%.

As a medical student with expertise in the science of reproductive healthcare, I urge you to OPPOSE HB 2337 and all the anti-abortion bills that will prove to be extremely dangerous to the health of Texans, including my future patients.

Edna Coleman

self housewife; retired

The Woodlands, TX

Please oppose this bill. It's an outrageous attempt to criminalize actions that the great majority of Texas citizens think are regrettable but morally acceptable.

Lea Isgur

self

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Austin, TX

I am strongly against this bill. This is a key method for getting an abortion, and it has been proven to be safe and effective. People who want and get an abortion are not criminals. They are rational people who have life experiences and issues that lead to this as their way to go forward. The government has no place in this decision as long as the procedure is safe and effective. Please vote against this terrible bill.

Kathleen Davis

Self, Office Manager

DALLAS, TX

My name is Kathleen Davis and I oppose bill HB1280. Taking away all forms of safe legal abortions will not stop women from having/doing an abortion. All this will do is cause women to practice self abortion or visit an unsanitary place to have this performed which can lead to loss of life for the woman. Please consider this when looking at any of these anti-abortion bills presented to you. Place yourself (walk a mile in someone else's shoes) in what a woman goes through when making this tough decision. It is not easy but when the final decision is made it should be safe and legal. Making abortions unavailable doesn't make them miraculously disappear, they will still be there no matter what so they need to be safe and legal. Thank you for your consideration on opposing HB1280.

Sarah Dropek

Self- teacher

Houston, TX

My name is Sarah Dropek and I oppose HB 2337. Abortions using Mifepristone have been proven to be safe and effective and there is no medical reason to make them more difficult to obtain. When I had my own abortion in Texas, the use of Mifepristone was not an option and I had to have a D&C. Abortion is already a difficult decision and forcing women to have a D&C when it's not medically necessary and they could use Mifepristone makes it all the more difficult. I personally was glad to have my abortion in the office, but women should have the choice, especially when the medication is safe and effective. Thank you for your time and consideration. I encourage you to reject this legislation as it has everything to do with politics and nothing to do with what is medically safe or necessary.

Jennifer Conner, MRS.

self; music teacher

The Woodlands, TX

I strongly OPPOSE HB 2337. Abortion care IS health care. This measure is unconstitutional according to the Constitution of the United States of America. In the USA women have the right to make medical decisions for themselves. This bill takes that right away and penalizes health care workers. OPPOSE HB 2337.

Sylvia Campbell

self

The Woodlands, TX

Dear Committee Members,

I encourage you to oppose HB 2337. This bill appears to make things harder, not only for a woman during a very difficult time, but also for the medical professional who is helping her. It further takes away a woman's right to make reproductive health decisions for her own body. Other people should not be making the decisions for her.

Thank you,

Sylvia Campbell

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daniel kanter, rev. dr.  
first unitarian church of dallas  
dallas, TX

it is necessary for a woman to be able to access this form of abortion. if the opposition to abortion is about the surgical procedure this provides a woman a non invasive alternative and should never be criminalized.

Lorri Haden  
Self/Retired  
Austin, TX

My name is Lorri Haden, I'm representing myself, and I oppose HB 2337.

This bill places extensive restrictions on how and when a provider can provide medication abortion. Mifepristone, the medication used in a medication abortion, is already subject to FDA restrictions and has a proven safety record. Medication abortion is extremely safe and effective and gives patients the option to end their pregnancy at home or in another setting in which they feel comfortable, while still providing them with the medical support and information they need.

This bill is in direct conflict with the FDA label. In April 2019, the FDA approved the first generic form of mifepristone, following a review of the evidence that medication abortion is a safe, effective way to end an early pregnancy — with a safety record of over 99%.

Please vote NO on HB 2337.

Christine Hurley  
self  
Houston, TX

My name is Christine Hurley and I oppose House Bill 2337. Listen to doctors, not politicians -- the FDA has proven multiple times that medication abortion is safe and effective. Any restrictions to medication abortion over claims of it being dangerous to the carrier is a disguise to the true motivation of controlling reproductive rights. Reject this bill which limits doctors and their patients unnecessarily.

Crystal Gonzalez  
self  
San Antonio, TX

My name is Crystal Gonzalez and I oppose House Bill 2337 because it restricts access to abortion.

This bill places extensive restrictions on how and when a provider can provide medication abortion. Mifepristone, the medication used in a medication abortion, is already subject to FDA restrictions and has a proven safety record.

Medication abortion is extremely safe and effective and gives patients the option to end their pregnancy at home or in another setting in which they feel comfortable, while still providing them with the medical support and information they need. Any attempt to restrict medication abortion is clearly motivated by politics, not science. This bill is in direct conflict with the FDA label. In April 2019, the FDA approved the first generic form of mifepristone, following a review of the evidence that medication abortion is a safe, effective way to end an early pregnancy — with a safety record of over 99%.

I care about abortion access because every person has a right to choose the size of their family.

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Neil Cohen

S/E

Austin, TX

You anti-abortionists are like a carpenter whose only tool is a sledge hammer. Whenever you're faced with a construction job, you smash everything to pieces. If you really want to reduce abortions, you should adopt measures to help pregnant women and mothers of newborns. See the conservative column Ross Douthat -- What Has the Pro-Life Movement Won? You should "" brainstorm all the community support systems that would need to be stronger in a world where abortion is illegal: mental health services, addiction-recovery programs, affordable child care." <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/04/02/opinion/pro-life-movement-14th-amendment.html>. To criminalize abortion without such measures is not only ineffective -- women facing impossible choices will manage to get abortions -- but cruel, and leads to the wasted lives of helpless children. Ironic that you guys claim to believe in personal freedom -- such as the freedom not to wear a mask when that simple measure might save lives, except when it's the freedom of a woman to make one of the most important choices in her life. Instead of criminalizing abortions, how about criminalizing guys who get women pregnant when they don't want to be?

Kaylan Smith

self

Houston, TX

It is appalling as a woman to hear my government representatives try to push legislature forward that would set women back by 50 years. This extremist agenda and HB 1515, HB 1280, HB 2337, HB 2313, HB 3218 and HB 3760 are bills that are unnecessary. I do not understand why conservative representatives continue to push anti-abortion laws when they have shown time and time again, they don't care about the welfare of the mothers or babies born.

I would like a government that focuses on real problems with our healthcare. How about the number of uninsured Texans? Children that need medical care? Children that are below the poverty line and often suffer food insecurity?

Christine Middleton

Self Retired

Corpus Christi, TX

This is another bad bill. Medication abortion is extremely safe and is scientifically safe. Keep politics out of this very private decision.

Allison Greer Francis

Individual-mental health

San Antonio, TX

I am opposed to HB 2337. Roe v. Wade is the law of the land, whether we like it or not. These bills do nothing but drive up costs for Texans when have to be defended in court, and are always found unconstitutional.

Michele Scott

Self

Snyder, TX

My name is Michele Scott and I oppose HB 2337.

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I personally had a medication abortion and was glad to be able to terminate an unwanted pregnancy without an invasive medical procedure and with little risk of complications.

Ending a pregnancy is not an easy pain free process. Being able to be in the comfort of my own home with people I know and love with me made the process more humane than being in a hospital or clinic setting.

I urge you to reject this bill and show compassion.

Moniqa Paullet  
TEA Fund  
Richardson, TX

My name is Moniqa Paullet and I am a native Texan serving on the board of directors for TEA Fund. I'm writing today in opposition of HB 2337. This bill is a gross violation of medical ethics and patient rights. Mifepristone, the medication used in a medication abortion, is already subject to FDA restrictions and has a proven safety record. This bill is in direct conflict with the FDA label and is clearly motivated by politics, not science. Let doctors do their jobs and give their patients the care and medication they need. Reject HB 2337.

Laura Weaver  
self, retired  
Spring, TX

Please oppose HB 2337. The bill is in direct conflict with current medical standards. The bill would punish doctors for following professional standards of care and the evidence based practice of medicine.

DORA VANN  
SELF RETIRED  
SAN ANTONIO, TX

My name is Dora Vann. This is again trying to control my reproductive rights. Any attempt to restrict medication abortion is clearly motivated by politics, not science. This bill is in direct conflict with the FDA label. In April 2019, the FDA approved the first generic form of mifepristone, following a review of the evidence that medication abortion is a safe, effective way to end an early pregnancy — with a safety record of over 99%. This is wrong to deny me a safe method of my reproductive care. Please ban this dystopian bill.

Kayleigh Garcia  
Self- Sexual Assault Survivors Advocate  
Garland, TX

My name is Kayleigh Garica, and I oppose HB 2337. I oppose HB 2337 because I love someone who has exercised her right to medical abortion. Medical abortion provides those

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seeking abortions to have their abortion in the privacy and comfort of their own home or in another setting in which they feel comfortable while still receiving the medical support they need. Mifepristone is proven safe and regulated through the FDA and effective way to terminate pregnancy with a safety record of 99%. Restrictions on proven methods of termination will only prevent safe and legal abortions, but will not end abortions. I urge you to reject HB 2337.

VANESSA LOZADA

SELF; HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION

Fort Worth, TX

My name is Vanessa Lozada, and I oppose House Bill 2337. Though I've never had an abortion, I have considered it. Getting pregnant while on birth control as a teenager, I made the choice to be a struggling single mom. Though I didn't choose to terminate, it's important that I had that choice. This bill is unconstitutional and creates unnecessary hurdles for those who DO make the choice to terminate their pregnancy. Medical providers cannot and should not be held accountable for properly caring for their patient, no matter what the decision may be. Bills like this will not stop abortions. It will only make those seeking one go underground, and take even bigger risks to access this healthcare. I urge you to reject this legislation.

Staci Mendelsohn

self

Plano, TX

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KYLE WILLIAMS, Dr.

Austin Partners in Education

Austin, TX

My name is Kyle Williams and I oppose HB2337. This bill is unnecessary and harmful; unfortunately unplanned pregnancies occur, and women need access to safe healthcare (which includes abortions). Medical abortions already have a track record of being safe, and as a religious person, I believe that early pregnancies are not necessarily valid or viable given the preponderance of spontaneous abortions that can occur as late as four weeks into the pregnancy. Because of this, I think medical abortions should be available to women who become pregnant and want to terminate as soon as possible, before it becomes an actual fetus or baby. Again, I oppose HB 2337, and request that safe access to women's healthcare (including abortion) become a priority instead of taking away safety and choice from women. Thank you for your consideration!

Lori Boyter

Self

Haltom City, TX

I support this bill. There should also be something in place to keep people for being able to order these drugs online too.

Theresa Garza, Ms.

self - clerk

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San Antonio, TX

Until all women have equal, unfettered, guaranteed access to well-paying jobs, monetary support from the biological father of their child, good schools for the child, unlimited safe childcare, protection from abusive partners, easily accessible 24 hour safe transportation, and quality healthcare for themselves and their children: no entity (person, organization or law) who is not the pregnant woman should have any say in her personal decision to have a child or terminate a pregnancy. Period. Until all other support systems are in place & guaranteed, safe abortion access is essential.

Danna Halff

self

San Antonio, TX

Please vote against this bill. It is a governmental overreach into a medical procedure between a pregnant woman and her doctor. Keep government out of this relationship. It also goes against HIPAA regulations.

Linda L. Kenner, Ms.HB2337

self

Richardson, TX

Texas women not the legislature deserve the individual right and choice of abortion as needed without criminal penalties.

Eric D.

Self, investor

Austin, TX

My name is Eric and I oppose HB 2337.

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Access to safe medical services of any kind, including abortion, are critical to the health of our community.

This frivolous bill wastes the precious time of the Texas Legislature, please reject it and move on to more important matters that can help all Texans.

Thank you.

Elisa Gonzalez

Self

Corpus Christi, TX

- HB 2337 Any attempt to restrict medication abortion is clearly motivated by politics, not science. This is clearly a move to simply prevent women from having any control over the decisions that need to be made with regard to their bodies. There is absolutely no reason to deny medication abortion.
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Shawn Troxell, Ms

Self

New Braunfels, TX

To whomever reads this:

I am very much against HB 1515, HB 1280, HB 2337, HB 2313, HB 3218 and HB 3760. My representative, knows my opinion. He believes, like the supporters of these bills, that their religious beliefs should be forced upon all of us.

They believe life begins at conception. Science proves it does not.

Therefore, these bills cannot become laws because they infringe upon my rights. There can be no using religion to make a law. Don't you agree?

In denying women the right to choose you are condemning many of us to a harder life, with more obstacles, often shamed as a single mother, unable to find a good paying job and hours that work while also raising a child.

It seems to me that you simply don't care about us.

What I do to my body is not your choice.

NOT your choice.

The choice is mine.

You must not allow these bills up for discussion, much less a vote. Too many men, too many religious men, too many white old religious men simply cannot be allowed to debate a woman's right to choose.

I'm not alone in my anger over these bills.

So I will be watching what's happening and sharing with my family, friends, and former students.

Georgia Keysor

Self Retired

Austin, TX

I oppose the anti-choice bills that are scheduled for a hearing in the House Public Health Committee this Wednesday, April 7th. These bills take freedoms away from Texans and would allow lawsuits against providers and individual people. If abortion is essentially outlawed, it will lead to many unnecessary deaths in this state, which is incredible considering our stellar record of maternal mortality. This mismanaged state's bungled response to COVID has killed over 50,000 Texans to date. Our vaccination program is among the two or three worst in the nation. And you can't even keep the lights on. I oppose House Bills 1280, 1515, 2313, 2337, 3218, and 3760 because I think medical decisions of this nature should be between a woman, her family, her pastor and her physician. I do not understand why you think a politician or a bureaucrat needs to be part of that discussion.

Adrienne Abrahamson

self (tutor)

Roanoke, TX

My name is Adrienne Abrahamson and I oppose House Bill 2337. I am very concerned that time and effort continues to be spent on attempting to ban and/or restrict abortion. Instead, I believe legislators should be spending resources on addressing current emergencies and serious issues that affect so many living Texans. Abortion is healthcare, and our lawmakers should be expanding access to healthcare, not restricting it further. I strongly oppose House Bill 2337 as this bill places extensive restrictions on how and when a provider can provide medication abortion. Mifepristone, the medication used in a medication abortion, is already subject to FDA restrictions and has a proven safety record. Medication abortion is extremely safe and effective and gives patients the option to end their pregnancy at home or in another setting in which they feel comfortable, while still providing them with the medical support and information they need. Any attempt to restrict medication abortion is clearly motivated by politics, not science. This bill is in direct conflict with the FDA label - In April 2019, the FDA approved the first generic form of mifepristone, following a review of the evidence that medication abortion is a safe, effective way to end an early pregnancy — with a safety record of over 99%. The Texas House needs to focus on the real crises facing Texans like access to health care, responding to COVID-19, maternal mortality, and the energy crisis, not Dan Patrick's political agenda.

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Brandy Chambers

Perkins Coie

GARLAND, TX

I am a mother. I am an employee. I am a wife. I decided to become a mother well after I fell in love with my husband and married. I decided to become a mother when we could financially handle another mouth to feed and body to clothe. I decided to become a mother when I knew I was ready to be a mother. This was MY decision. I am a grown adult who should be the only one making decisions about my body, my health, and my readiness to be a mother. This should NOT be the power of the state. This bill is gross overreach of the state's power over women. I firmly oppose such a bill and am embarrassed that Texas legislators continue to pursue the enslavement of women by denying them health care and autonomy to make life changing decisions without government interference.

Maureen Powers

retired

Austin, TX

I oppose this bill for the reason that it creates more burdens on women, who are sentient beings, to avail themselves of the right to access healthcare for an unwanted pregnancy.

Jesus Archuleta

Jesus Christ

Big Spring, TX

I couldn't be there to speak tomorrow so thank you for the opportunity to send my message via the internet. For 48 years we have allowed the murder of the unborn and today we continue to allow for it. We must ask ourselves what are doing in regards to abortion, are we try to end abortion or are we just going to continue to regulate it. All of these pro-life bills but forward do nothing to end the Holocaust of the unborn and continue to prove that a Republican dominant house goal is to never end abortion but to chip away at the majority of it so they seem like heroes. We are no longer going to tolerate that line of thinking. We demand abolition and we demand it now. You may claim to be pro-life but your actions have proven over and over again that you are not. The only bill that will end abortion immediately in the state of Texas is HB 3326. It provides the necessary equal protection from the conception that the unborn baby deserves. What will you do to end abortion in the state of Texas? Why won't you give HB3326 a hearing? Why do you continue to allow this Holocaust to take place? You might not answer me on this issue but you will have to answer to God. He will hold you accountable for what you have allowed to happen and continue to happen. I pray you to end this. God has placed you in your positions for a reason, to punish evil and to reward those who do good. The longer you allow for child sacrifice to continue the longer your asking for God's wrath to abide on you. 55,000 unborn babies yearly demand that they get the justice and protection they deserve, when will you give it to them?

Amanda Stoffels

self-educator

Keller, TX

Please vote towards any bill that will help work towards stopping all abortions. Aborting a baby is murder and leads to so much guilt and pain following the abortion. Please put as many regulations on all meds that are used to induce abortion procedures.

Lauren Fazio

Self

Austin, TX

My name is Lauren Fazio, and I oppose House Bill 2337. As a proud Texan and US citizen, I value the ability to make choices

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related to my own body and my own family planning. We in Texas value the ability to make choices that benefit our households and strongly oppose the government from developing policy that takes away our personal freedoms and choice. In the same way we value private businesses to regulate themselves, we as people should be able to regulate our bodies thus impacting our present and futures. The consequences of this proposed bill would directly impact women's lives, increase death in women (in attempts to make the best choices they can for themselves and their families left to manage in unsafe ways), and disproportionately impact women of color across Texas. Additionally, our Texas child welfare system is already overtaxed and underfunded. We should invest in proactive work to strengthen families, allow women to earn more at their jobs, and INCREASE access to women's healthcare, not reduce it with outrageous bills like this. Anti-choice legislation has NO place in Texans' lives and directly violates our local values and constitution. I strongly urge you all to reject HB 2337.

Karen Wells

Self

Houston, TX

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Natasha Rappazzo

Planned Parenthood Greater Texas

Arlington, TX

My name is natasha rappazzo and I oppose HB 2337. This bill places extensive restrictions on how and when a provider can provide medication abortion. Mifepristone, the medication used in a medication abortion, is already subject to FDA restrictions and has a proven safety record. Why in the world should a random politician get to decide how medicine should be taken? This bill is in direct conflict with the FDA label. Medication abortion is essential medicine for people who need to access abortion. Let doctors tell people how to take their medicine. Let people get abortions when they need them. Oppose HB 2337.

Amy Hunt

self, marketing consultant

Dallas, TX

I oppose this bill because Texas women should be able to make this decision on her own without the interference of the government. Abortion isn't an easy decision, but women should have the right to a safe, legal abortion if they need one.

Carly Hudson, Mrs

Self

Kingwood, TX

It is currently very difficult to gain access to abortion care. We do not need more restrictions. I oppose this legislation.

Katie Palin

self, cashier

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Arlington, TX

Every person has the right to access the healthcare that they need. Abortion is healthcare and the government has no place to try to legislate people's bodies.

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Brenda Mondragon

Self/Unemployed

HOUSTON, TX

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Sonya Roberts

Self (Occupation: Manager)

Austin, TX

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Daniel Walker

Self, Health Administrator

San Antonio, TX

I am OPPOSED to any bill that restricts abortion services. Abortion should be safe and LEGAL. Restricting abortion services simply causes women to seek illegal and unsafe abortions.

Andrew Perretta

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N/A

Schertz, TX

Hello. My name is Andrew Perretta. I'm a voting constituent in Guadalupe County. I oppose HB 2337. Abortion is health care and is fully legal in the United States. I support a pregnant person's right to choose when they want to start a family. As a Texas taxpayer, I don't want public funds used to defend these unconstitutional bills in federal courts.

Please vote no on this bill. Thank you.

Piper Madland

Self

HOUSTON, TX

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Khadija Hassan, Ms.

self- medical student

Georgetown, TX

Abortion is a safe medical decision and an essential part of healthcare. The decision needs to be between the pregnant individual and the healthcare provider/ physician. Do not pass this bill.

Lucy Wimmer

Self

AUSTIN, TX

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Katie O'leary

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Noah Koon

Self - OBGYN

Dallas, TX

As a Dallas physician advocating for his patients and your family members

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Barbara Select

Self - retired

Dallas, TX

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Marie LeBlanc

self, program director

Austin, TX

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My name is Marie LeBlanc and I opposed House Bill HB 2337. As a working, independent woman, it's important to me that I know I can control my reproductive journey and personal health. Having access to safe, legal abortion is part of that peace of mind. This bill creates unnecessary restrictions around the most common form of abortion, which is likely what I would access if I needed abortion services. Medication abortion is extremely safe and effective and gives patients the option to end their pregnancy at home or in another setting in which they feel comfortable, while still providing them with the medical support and information they need. I care about all Texas women accessing the health care and abortion care they need because women should be in charge of their own bodies and get to make the choice about when and how to become a parent. I oppose this bill because it creates unnecessary barriers for women accessing a proven safe and reliable method of reproductive health care.

Amber Donley

Self

Dallas, TX

My name is Amber Donley and I oppose HB 2337. What medical reason do you have for restricting a procedure that is FDA approved and regulated? Abortion rights are Women's Rights and deserve to be protected in the state legislature!

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I encourage you to oppose this bill and support women's rights to access safe medical procedures!

Madelyn Morneault

self

Austin, TX

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This bill is dangerous and should not be supported.

Jeanette Cacciola

Self Human Resources professional

Leander, TX

Any Bill that seeks to prevent a woman's access to a legal and safe abortion or that seeks to impose civil or criminal penalties is a travesty. Roe v. Wade makes this medical procedure legal in our nation. Those seeking to take away the right of any woman to

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make decisions about her own body, many times with her husband or partner, when faced with an unbearably crushing situation of her own life being at risk or the fetus being unable to live outside the womb, are anything but “pro life”. This bill is anti woman, anti privacy, and often anti health care. Stay out of the deeply private affairs of a woman and her doctor.

Veronica Ramos

Self, Social Worker and Health Equity Designer

HOUSTON, TX

My name is Veronica Ramos and I oppose House Bill 2337.

Abortion access is important to me because I am a survivor of rape. I was able to terminate a pregnancy that was completely against my will. Without safe and accessible abortion services in Texas, I would have taken my life after that traumatic incident. I oppose this bill and hope that you will also oppose this bill and help protect others who find themselves in a desperate time of need.

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Your job is to protect the rights, health, and freedoms of the citizens of Texas. This includes allowing people to choose what is best for their own lives and bodies, approving this bill would go completely against that. I urge you to say NO to HB 2337.

Ollie Miles

self

Sugar Land, TX

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Maureen Tomasino

self

San Antonio, TX

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Michael Youngquist

Self

Austin, TX

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Forcing someone who does not want to be pregnant to carry a pregnancy to term treats people with uteruses as nothing more than walking incubators. Before harvesting organs from a deceased person for an organ transplant, the person must have given consent to give a part/parts of their body for that purpose before death. Why, then, are people with uteruses being forced to use that part of their body in a way that they do not consent to? Why are living people with uteruses being treated with less respect than a corpse?

Rebecca Rodgers

Self

Arlington, TX

I am writing in favor of HB2337. I believe that the use of Mifeprex/mifepristone not only creates significant medical complications and risks to the conceived woman but also to the valuable life the conceived woman is carrying. Both lives are valuable. These drugs should be discontinued for this intended purpose. Thank you for your time and consideration to regulate these abortion-inducing drugs.

Adrienne Nisbet

self/ teacher

San Antonio, TX

My name is Adrienne Nisbet and I oppose House Bill 2337. Mifepristone, the medication used in a medication abortion, is already subject to FDA restrictions and has a proven safety record. Any attempt to restrict medication abortion is clearly motivated by politics, not science. It is not okay to take away this safe and effective option from women. Please reject this legislation.

Heather Benedetto

Self, public school teacher

Richardson, TX

I am opposed to this bill. The government should not regulate a woman's choice to an abortion. This creates a dangerous precedent as well as the occasion to have an abortion outside of the medical establishment.

Angelique and Marc Van Bavel

self

Austin, TX

Abortion is an important element of women's rights because women are more affected by the abortion debate than men, both individually (if they are considering an abortion) and as a gender.

If abortion rights are denied, then a constraint is imposed on women's freedom to act in a way that is of great importance to them, both for its own sake and for the sake of their achievement of equality;

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Women need the right to abortion in order to have the same freedoms as men. Women have a moral right to decide what to do with their bodies. The right to abortion is vital for gender equality.

Women must have full rights over their own bodies (including the right to decide whether or not to carry a fetus to birth).

Every woman should be able to decide for herself, if and when to start a family. Women need free access to abortion in order to achieve full political, social, and economic equality with men.

Reproductive freedom is a woman's right.

Banning abortion puts women at risk by forcing them to use illegal abortionists.

It is a constitutional right of women to legally obtain an abortion.

As your Texas constituents we are asking you to oppose the below abortion related bills:

HB 1280 relates to prohibition of abortion; providing a civil penalty; creating a criminal offense.

HB 1515 relates to abortion, including abortions after detection of an unborn child's heartbeat; authorizing a private civil right of action.

HB 2313 relates to a required resource access assistance offer before an abortion is performed.

HB 2337 that relates to the regulation of drug-induced abortion procedures, providers, and facilities; providing criminal penalties.

HB 2676 relates to the creation and optional filing of a record of life for an unborn child and the use of a certificate of stillbirth; authorizing fees.

HB 3218 relates to the regulation of abortion, including information regarding perinatal palliative care and prohibiting discriminatory abortions; authorizing disciplinary action; providing a civil remedy; creating a criminal offense.

HB3760 relates to information regarding perinatal palliative care, regulation of abortion, and the availability of certain defenses to prosecution for homicide and assault offenses; providing an administrative penalty; creating criminal offenses.

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Jennifer Duffy

Self

Dallas, TX

I oppose this bill because abortion should be a personal decision by women, not the government. Making abortion illegal increases the risks that women will have abortions not performed by medical professionals or try do it themselves.

Noel Madland

Self, student

Houston, TX

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Mitchell Nisbet  
Self, biologist  
San Antonio, TX

Hi my name is Mitch Nisbet and I oppose HB 2337 because I believe this is an unconstitutional bill and goes against what has been laid out as precedent by the Supreme Court of the United States.

Evelin Garcia  
self  
Kyle, TX

My name is Evelin Garcia, and I oppose House Bill 2337.

As a woman of color, I find it appalling that Gov. Greg Abbott is more concerned with passing anti-abortion bills that make it harder for me to get an abortion than keeping Texas safe and vaccinated against COVID-19. I have the right to an abortion, and any legislation that attempts to limit access or punish anyone who provides this health care service to me is a violation of my rights.

Abortion access is a form of health care, and limiting access to it is a violation of my rights!

I oppose this bill and urge the Texas Legislature to reject this legislation.

Elizabeth Guess  
Self  
Frisco, TX

Taking the life of another is murder. All abortion is murder as it is the taking of another human life. Murder is already a law, and therefore should apply to the human lives inside the womb. It is past time we correct this egregious offense against our own human race. A nation cannot stand if it we allow this evil to remain a “lawful” activity without consequence. This genocide has removed whole generations of people and commit the ultimate sentence of death against our most innocent, vulnerable, precious, and voiceless among us, our children in the womb. I believe the doctors or whosoever commits that actually murder of the innocent life in the womb is the one deserving of punishment. No longer can we allow wicked practice to continue. Be the brave and courageous individuals who God has granted you temporary power in the position you hold to use to end these atrocities. For when you stand before the Creator of the Universe may He will know you acted on behalf of the truly weak, defenseless, and powerless. The time is now to do what should have been corrected long ago, end the greatest evil the world has ever known.

Karen Vaughan  
Self  
Robstown, TX

Please protest unborn children. Life begins ar conception.

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Sabina Madland

self, student

Houston, TX

My name is Sabina Madland and I oppose HB 2337. This bill places unnecessary restrictions on medication abortion. Medication abortion is extremely safe and effective. Mifepristone, the medication used in a medication abortion, is already subject to FDA restrictions and has a proven safety record. This bill is in direct conflict with the FDA label for mifepristone. In April 2019, the FDA approved the first generic form of mifepristone, following a review of the evidence that medication abortion is a safe, effective way to end an early pregnancy — with a safety record of over 99%. This bill takes enforcement decisions out of the hands of local governments. I urge you to reject this legislation.

Elizabeth Allen

Self

Sunnyvale, TX

I am not sure which of these relating to abortion is correct, however, I would like to urge the committee to reject the continued regulation of abortion and to immediately hear HB 3326.

I believe every life is valuable and should be given the chance at life. By the time a woman knows she's pregnant, the child already has a heart beat and is not just a blob.

I would like to see other options on how we can use our tax dollars toward assistance, education and helping families who are trying to adopt as the main option verses using our tax dollars to fund abortion.

Brian Rogers

self, computer programmer

Farmers Branch, TX

I oppose HB 2337 because abortion should be a woman's personal decision, not the government's. Making abortion illegal increases the risks that women will have abortions not performed by medical professionals or try do it themselves.

Amanda Bennett

Self, Project Manager

Austin, TX

I oppose HB 2337, and urge the committee to vote against it. Medication abortion is safe and effective. Instead of limiting medication abortion, we should be expanding access of this incredible safe way to end a pregnancy. In other countries, medication abortion is used to safely end pregnancies beyond 10 weeks, the current limitation in the United States. In other states, medication abortion is safely sent via mail, saving people who live in rural areas lengthy trips to abortion clinics. Just as the medical community is proving that medication abortion is safe and effective via telemedicine, HB 2337 moves to restrict medication abortion. HB 2337 is expressly the opposite of the recommendations of the medical community. This bill is bad medicine.

Percillia Brooks

Self

Alvin, TX

You need to REJECT the continued regulation of abortion. HB 3326 needs to be heard immediately and this will abolish abortion. We have a duty to protect life. All of the words going back and forth, never really doing anything for abolishing abortion. Actions

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Speak louder than words. Take action. Protect life!

Leslie Eames Pierce

Self, educator

Richardson, TX

I oppose this bill because abortion should be a personal decision by the pregnant woman, not the government. Making abortion illegal increases the risks that women will have abortions not performed by medical professionals or try to do it themselves. Placing restrictions on a group of people is oppressive. Denying an entire sex of people the freedom to dictate decisions of their own body is sexist. Thank you

Nathan Brooks

Self

Alvin, TX

Deny the regulation of abortion. Immediately hear HB 3326! Help the unborn by abolishing abortion. It is murder. We are commanded to protect life and yet it's legal to murder an innocent child. Every day innocent lives are taken. Every child is knit together in the womb by God himself. We need to protect these children. Come beside the mothers and love them too. All lives matter- including the unborn. They are children of God- just like the rest of us.

Zara Zamora, Ms.

Self

Houston, TX

My name is Zara Zamora and I oppose House Bill HB-1515, HB 1280, Hb 2337/Sb 394, HB 2313/ SB 802, HB 3218/SB 1173, and HV 3760/ SB 1647.

I oppose this bill because no person should have to raise a child they can't care for, but all children require parents. In the adoption system there are tons of kids who will never have a family, statistically it is impossible. Many of these bills are unsafe for the child and parent, as well as unconstitutional. I care about abortion access because I actually care about the kids in our country, forcing someone to give birth isn't going to protect them. Please reject these bills, all kids deserve parents if you enforce this bill they won't have anybody.

Cyral Miller

Self

Austin, TX

Texans deserve their legal right to full reproductive health care. Nobody should face fear, stigma, or unnecessary barriers when seeking out reproductive healthcare, including abortion care. Vote no!

Charlotte Fiehn

Self

Cypress, TX

I oppose HR 2337 on the grounds that it is a gross violation of a woman's rights to reproductive freedom and personal autonomy. Medication abortion is extremely safe and effective and gives patients the option to end their pregnancy at home or in another setting in which they feel comfortable, while still providing them with the medical support and information they need. Any attempt to restrict medication abortion is clearly motivated by politics, not science.

This bill is in direct conflict with the FDA label. In April 2019, the FDA approved the first generic form of mifepristone, following a review of the evidence that medication abortion is a safe, effective way to end an early pregnancy — with a safety

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This bill takes enforcement decisions out of the hands of local governments.  
I urge the rejection of this bill.

Blair Wallace, Policy & Advocacy Strategist

ACLU of Texas

Houston, TX

Written Testimony Against House Bill 2337 by:

Blair Wallace

Policy & Advocacy Strategist

American Civil Liberties Union of Texas

Dear Chairwoman and Members of the Public Health Committee:

HB 2337 places medically unnecessary restrictions on Medication Abortions, specifically prohibiting Medication abortions after 49 days gestation, or 7 weeks -- before most people know they are pregnant. The bill also requires a doctor performing an abortion to provide Rh immunoglobulin (RhoGAM) to any patient who is has an RH Negative blood type.

Medication abortion is extremely safe and effective, and gives patients the option to end their pregnancy at home or in another setting in which they feel comfortable, while still providing them with the medical support and information they need. Medication abortion gives a woman the option of a less invasive and more private method of ending a pregnancy, in a setting in which she feels most comfortable. With a medical professional, she can decide when the abortion starts, where it should happen, and who should be with her while it is happening.

The bill is in direct conflict with FDA guidelines and medical standards. The bill removes the requirements in Texas code that providers abide by the FDA label for Mifepristone. This bill would limit Medication Abortions to 49 days LMP, prohibiting the use of Medication Abortion three weeks sooner than is recommended by the FDA. The bill will criminalize doctors for following FDA guidelines and the evidence-based practice of medicine. Violation of this bill would be a "a state jail felony" for the provider.

On behalf of the tens of thousands of Texans we represent we oppose this legislation on the strongest of terms and encourage the members of this committee not to refer this bill out of committee.

Briana Martinez

Self, student

Alamo, TX

My name is Briana Martinez and I oppose House Bill 2337.

Denying Texan families the right to decide whether they want to carry a pregnancy to full term is nearly inhuman. This forces people to decide between carrying a pregnancy to full term that they don't want and enduring the many possible scenarios that affect their well being and seeking out illegal, unsafe abortions that could kill the pregnant person, therefore also terminating the pregnancy. If you care about Texans, you will defend a person's right to safe access to abortions.

Elizabeth Davison

Self

Weatherford, TX

I am against HB2337, not because I am for abortion. I am against all legislation that does not provide equal protection for all preborn children. What does this do about surgical abortions? How is this enforced when there are websites that provide abortifacients for DIY abortions? Pro-life legislation fails to criminalize all parties involved in the procurement of abortions. The only course of action is to support HB3326.

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Sandra Barnes

Texas citizen

Quinlan, TX

Stop abortion should be charged with murder.

Barbara Hollyfield

Myself and Christ Jesus

Silsbee, TX

Distinguished legislators,

While all legislation intended to slow or discourage abortion may be commendable, what we need is to STOP abortion. We are killing babies as a form of birth control!! We are detestable and deplorable before God. He cannot bless America again as long as we endorse, condone, and legalize murder of the unborn. Please come together and immediately hear HB 3326 which would completely abolish abortion in Texas.

Thank you, Barbara Hollyfield

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Thank you, Barbara Hollyfield

Jocelyn Rigel

Self

Garland, TX

My name is Jocelyn Rigel and I oppose House Bill 2337. This bill is purely motivated by politics. In April 2019, the FDA approved the first generic form of mifepristone, following a review of the evidence that medication abortion is a safe, effective way to end an early pregnancy — with a safety record of over 99%. But moreover, this bill takes enforcement decisions out of the hands of local governments and private citizens, something that Texas prides itself on. Please opposed HB 2337.

Barbara Sargent

Self Retired

El Paso, TX

HB 2337/ SB 394: Medication Abortion Restrictions

This bill places extensive restrictions on how and when a provider can provide medication abortion. Mifepristone, the medication used in a medication abortion, is already subject to FDA restrictions and has a proven safety record.

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Medication abortion is extremely safe and effective and gives patients the option to end their pregnancy at home or in another setting in which they feel comfortable, while still providing them with the medical support and information they need.

Any attempt to restrict medication abortion is clearly motivated by politics, not science.

This bill is in direct conflict with the FDA label. In April 2019, the FDA approved the first generic form of mifepristone, following a review of the evidence that medication abortion is a safe, effective way to end an early pregnancy — with a safety record of over 99%.

This bill takes enforcement decisions out of the hands of local governments.

Beverly Gavenda, Ms

Self- Retired RN

Austin, TX

I oppose HB 2337 and I want to express my complete amazement that any one would think this this bill is a good idea. Any attempt to restrict medication abortion is clearly motivated by politics, not science.

This bill is in direct conflict with the FDA label. In April 2019, the FDA approved the first generic form of mifepristone, following a review of the evidence that medication abortion is a safe, effective way to end an early pregnancy — with a safety record of over 99%.Please vote against HB 2337 and stand up for Texas women and their families.

Sheila Garrett

Self

Hillister, TX

Abortion must stop..

Lisa Kamerer, Mrs

Self

Woodlands, TX

I support HB 2337 to regulate drug-induced abortion, because a pill purpose to end a life needs to be monitored. Every woman does not have the same side effects and if given a pill - it is the liability of the doctor or practice to be held accountable. There have been deaths related by the chemical pills. It is not safe, harms the woman's body, and destroys a life.

Marcos Marcos Apodaca

Self

Burnet, TX

This Bill does not protect ALL humans who are in the womb. It does not remove the death of the human because the Bill only regulates abortion.

I urge this committee to reject this and any Bill that regulates abortion instead of abolishes it. It is your sworn duty to protect the citizens of Texas and even more so all humans and their dignity. To pass a Bill that only saves some lives is to discriminate.

You must stand for all life and remove an unjust law that allows for the murder of 55,000 babies per year in the state of Texas alone.

Hold a hearing for HB 3326, the only true bill of abolition that provides equal protection to all unborn children.

Megan Brannen

ACLU/AVOW/Sunrise/AllyTees/ConcernedCitizensEverywhere

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Austin, TX

My name is Megan Brannen and I STRONGLY OPPOSE House Bill 2337 / SB394.

I am currently trying to get pregnant with my husband, but one fear I have is that I will conceive an ectopic pregnancy (a fertilized egg outside of the womb) and I MIGHT DIE if I'm forced to carry that fertilized egg to full term. Additionally, in college I was raped by an ex boyfriend who thought he had rights to my body while I was sleeping -- something far too many young girls in this state go through -- and if I had become pregnant, I would not have been able to care for that child financially or emotionally, and may have resented the child as well; I do not wish this upon anyone in our great state.

Further still, this bill would put a heavy burden on the Texas budget due to frivolous and harassing lawsuits against all those involved in something the government has no business spending my tax dollars on, and would seek to punish women unjustly. I want a baby more than anything, but if I will die having the child, don't I deserve the right to life? This is a challenging decision for my family as well -- if we should be blessed with a baby that is healthy I will be happy to carry it to term and have it in a hospital where I can find adequate care, but forcing women to carry out pregnancies that are harmful to their baby or to themselves is suicide, and goes against my Christian faith which states suicide is wrong.

The reason this cause is so near and dear to me is that I am a woman, who wants equitable access to the support of the medical community, and want the same for my fellow Texans. I do not support government overreach, and believe we should be putting our time/energy/effort/tax dollars into supporting communities, not burdening them or tearing them apart as this bill would most assuredly do.

Mifepristone is extremely safe and effective and gives patients the option to end their pregnancy at home or in another setting in which they feel comfortable, while still providing them with the medical support and information they need. Any attempt to restrict medication abortion is clearly motivated by politics, not science or even concern for those you seek to serve -- including women like myself whom are trying to conceive naturally and safely.

This bill is in direct conflict with the FDA label. In April 2019, the FDA approved the first generic form of mifepristone, following a review of the evidence that medication abortion is a safe, effective way to end an early pregnancy — with a safety record of over 99%. This bill takes enforcement decisions out of the hands of local governments, and of the people who elected them.

I strongly urge you to REJECT this legislation.

Karen Eudy

Self

Royse City, TX

This is a discriminatory bill. All innocent living human beings are required to have equal protection under the law.

The Republican Party of Texas Legislative priority is: ABOLITION OF ABORTION-  
Abolish abortion by ensuring the right to life and equal protection of the laws to ALL preborn children from the moment of FERTILIZATION.

Please represent the priorities of the people you are elected to represent, as well as the preborn baby Texans that these "pro-life" bills do not protect or represent.

I urge the committee to reject the continued regulation of abortion and to immediately hear HB 3326 which would completely and immediately abolish abortion in Texas.

Frank Netscher

Self

AUSTIN, TX

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Vote NO on anti-abortion House Bills 1280, 1515, 2337, 2313, 3218, 3760. I am contacting you because I am very concerned about the extremist anti-abortion bills getting a public hearing this week at the Legislature. Abortion is health care and is legally protected by the U.S. Constitution. We don't need more unnecessary restrictions, and they are extremely unpopular with Texans

Kate Harslem

SELF

Austin, TX

THE ABORTION PILL IS EXTREMELY SAFE AND EFFECTIVE AND SAVES A WOMAN FROM GOING INTO THE OFFICE TO GET AN ABORTION. WHAT DOES THIS SAVE? MONEY, SPREADING THE COVID VIRUS, EVERYONE'S TIME? WHY DOESN'T THAT SOUND GOOD TO YOU? OH THAT'S RIGHT, YOU JUST WANT TO WASTE EVERYONE'S TIME AND MONEY WITH YOUR RESTRICTIVE THOUGHTS ON WOMEN AND THEIR BODIES. RIGHT...THAT MAKES PERFECT SENSE NOW. WOMEN WHO WANT TO STAY ANONYMOUS OR HELLO HAVE THREE PLUS CHILDREN AND DON'T HAVE THE TIME TO GO INTO THE OFFICE AND GET AN ABORTION SHOULD HAVE A RIGHT TO DO IT AT HOME IN THE SANCTITY OF THEIR HOME.

WHY DO YOU WANT TO TAKE THAT RIGHT AWAY? THIS BILL IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

WHAT IF YOUR DAUGHTER NEEDED AN ABORTION. WOULD YOU DENY HER RIGHTS? OR WOULD YOU LET HER MAKE HER OWN CHOICES BECAUSE SHE IS YOUR DAUGHTER?

WHAT IF YOUR WIFE NEEDED AN ABORTION? WOULD YOU SUPPORT HER DECISION? THINK ABOUT THAT.

Denise Gordon

Self/Clinical Social Worker

Round Rock, TX

Rep Klick | Noble | Oliverson | Bonnen | Frank and all co-authors: Do you really believe you can regulate the bodies of every woman in TX by passing legislation against anyone who provides an abortion? If one of your daughters were to become pregnant accidentally, would you be looking for a medical professional to perform an abortion, or would you send her away, to put the baby up for adoption?

You might believe You would keep the baby resulting from an unwanted pregnancy, but not every woman in TX is able to afford to. Becoming pregnant when a teenager, a college student, a woman who is jobless or homeless, or who already has more children than she can care for, are all among the reasons women seek abortions. Rather than punishing those who try to help women, how about sponsoring legislation to expand Medicaid assistance for women and make birth control more accessible in TX?

How many of you have adopted children? How many of you mentor mothers to help them appropriately parent their children? How many of you have voted to properly fund our TX Public Schools to provide excellent public education for all TX children? How many of you have spent hours with a baby that has been born addicted to drugs in utero? How many of you actually work with children who have been abused and neglected? How many of you have been in an Emergency Department with a child who has been beaten for not learning their ABC's at 2 years of age?

All of you: please explain what method of birth control you and your partner practice to limit your families? Personal Question: absolutely! Publicly explain this in the Legislature to get just a taste of how women feel when self-righteous men and women, try to control their bodies and their right to end an unwanted pregnancy!

How many of you really care about children, not just trying to control a woman's body? How many of you practice birth control? What methods have you found effective? What methods do you tell your own teens to use? Do you pay for your own teen's birth control? Why should all TX women not have the same care you provide your own families?

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EVERYONE of YOU should be ashamed for sponsoring HB 2337!

Stop pretending that TX cares about children, when your real goal is to force children to be born that you will then not adequately feed, clothe, provide medical care, or educate! You only care about fetuses in utero, not the babies once they are born! It is much easier for you to find ways to Legislate women's bodies than to actually address the needs of TX's women and children who already are alive.

Defeat HB 2337! TX is Better than this Bill!

Cameron Marsh

Self

Austin, TX

Hi my name is Cameron Marsh and I am writing in opposition of HB 2337. 2237 is an overreach of a bill. The FDA has already cleared medication abortion as a safe way to terminate early-stage pregnancies. Creating further obstacles in this process will only do immense harm.

Sharon Mineo

Self

Austin, TX

I strongly oppose this bill. The government has no right to interfere with personal medical decisions in cases like this involving a medication that was FDA approved following a review of the evidence that medication abortion is a safe, effective way to end an early pregnancy — with a safety record of over 99%.

Michael Nemcic

Republican Party of Texas Member

San Antonio, TX

Dear State Representative,

As a constituent, I urge your committee to reject the continued regulation of abortion and to immediately hear HB 3326 which would completely abolish abortion in Texas.

Thank you for serving the people of Texas as Members of the Texas House Public Health committee.

On average, more than 155 children are murdered by abortion every day in our state.

In spite of this horrific reality, the pro-life bills currently making the most progress through our legislature this session would continue to deny those children the equal protection of our laws.

Moreover, those pro-life bills would continue our state's 48-year practice of legitimizing and reinforcing the unconstitutional decision in Roe v. Wade. Something has to change, and I hope and pray that God would use you to help abolish abortion in our state.

The legislative priority of the Republican Party of Texas calls upon this legislature to "Abolish abortion by ensuring the right to life and equal protection of the laws to all preborn children from the moment of fertilization." Only one bill before your committee would fulfill that call.

HB 3326, the Abolition of Abortion in Texas Act, has been filed by Rep. Bryan Slaton and assigned to your Committee's Chair. HB 3326 would remove the abortion exception from our homicide code so that the same laws protecting born people would protect people not yet born.

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Again, as your constituent, and one of more than 90,000 Republican Party of Texas members, I respectfully request that you give HB 3326 a hearing and a vote to allow it to progress toward passage. Thank you in advance for your action on this matter.

Respectfully,

Michael W. Nemcic, MBA, LCC

Kelly Le

Self, Student

Houston, TX

My name is Kelly Le and I oppose House Bill 2337.

As a woman, aspiring medical student, and proponent of reproductive rights, I believe access to abortion care should be made better, not further restricted, in order to better serve Texas women and provide the safe and quality healthcare they deserve. HB 2337 is against what I stand for: it places extensive restrictions on medication abortion. Furthermore, it is motivated by politics, not science. This bill is in direct conflict with the FDA label. In April 2019, the FDA approved the first generic form of mifepristone, following a review of the evidence that medication abortion is a safe, effective way to end an early pregnancy — with a safety record of over 99%.

Regardless of whether abortions are legal or not, women will continue to want or need them, and they will continue to seek them out. The healthcare community has a duty to take care of these Texas women, as well as all Texas patients as it comes to their reproductive and other medical needs. Efforts to make it more difficult for them to serve Texans, like HB 2337, are counterproductive. Be assured that medication abortion is extremely safe; support our wonderful healthcare professionals in their work to provide safe and accessible medical care to their patients. Thus, I urge my state legislators to reject HB 2337.

Zac Hammer

Self

Dallas, TX

I oppose this bill because abortion should be a personal decision by women, not the government. Making abortion illegal increases the risks that women will have abortions not performed by medical professionals or try do it themselves.

Jennifer Hobson

Self, stay-at-home mom

Bryan, TX

For a long time, I have supported pro-life legislation that essentially “moves the benchmark” on abortion, making it more difficult or somehow reducing the total number of babies killed. I believed pro-life legislators were doing “the best they could” and that every baby saved was a victory. However, with each bill that passes restricting certain kinds of abortions or regulating the methods and thereby explicitly protecting and defending some babies, the legislature has implicitly allowed and condoned the murder of other image bearers of God. This perpetual string of regulations appears to no longer be about saving babies. It is a show. If saving babies honestly is your intention, I pray you would have the courage to hear and pass HB 3326 instead, which aims to give equal protection under the law to ALL human life.

Patricia Sumrow

Myself

Frisco, TX

I'm a Texas resident asking the committee to STOP advancing any legislation that attacks abortion access and regulates medical

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decisions I as a woman should make with my doctor. I strongly oppose House Bill 2337. The Texas House needs to focus on the real crises facing Texans like access to health care, responding to COVID-19, maternal mortality, and the energy crisis, not Dan Patrick's political agenda.

LeLynne Waltman Knight

self

Mansfield, TX

As a 58 year old woman and mother I am stunned that the access to have an abortion is once again up for debate. Women's reproductive health is not a political issue it is a fundamental right for a woman to have both the access and the right to safe healthcare.

Meredith Duke

self, realtor

Belton, TX

Doctors take the hypocratic oath of "do no harm". If you are harming another life (that of the baby, and even sometimes that of the mother), there should be criminal penalties for doctors who perform abortions. They should also have their licenses revoked. Abortions don't provide a service. They provide a death sentence. That is in direct violation of "do no harm". Yes - criminal penalties for those docs.

James Herblin

J G Herblin

Prosper, TX

Unfortunately, pro-life bills presented in the last 60 plus years have been inadequate and "soft", at best. Most pro-life legislation currently being presented is pragmatic (cowardly) as it does not put an end to abortion – the door is always left open. Texas needs to take seriously the fact that abortion is murder. Think about that statement for just a moment. Abortion is murder.

Texas legislators refuse to shut the door to abortion. Texas legislators put forth pragmatic pro-life bills which deal with superfluous ideas (resource access, hospital disclosures, discrimination, abortion costs, heartbeat issues, notifications, etc.) that will always allow a way out such that abortions will continue to be performed.

Back to my point, abortion is murder. As a matter of fact, it is premeditated murder. It is brutal. It is performed on the living innocent. It is the most serious kind of murder that one can commit. However, and unfortunately, most pro-life legislators craft legislation as though abortion is nothing more than a Class C misdemeanor versus the 1st degree murder that it is.

Why is this? Why are most Texas legislators not putting forth/supporting pro-life legislation that will shut the door to abortion? Ask yourself that question. Why pragmatism? Why the use of "clever" wordsmithing? Why not call murder, murder?

Have any of you ever seen a video illustrating an abortion? Have you seen a video entitled, "The Silent Scream"? You should do so before you decide. Understand that abortion is more than putting an end to something; it is the brutal murder of the innocent and living pre-born. That should mean something to all of us. Something is virtuously wrong with one who can view The Silent Scream and still be ambivalent to abortion being classified as anything other than the premeditated brutal murder of the innocent and living pre-born.

Do the right thing ladies and gentlemen. Many of you claim Christianity. OK, well, what would He do? Would He support/favor wordsmithing, pragmatism, cleverness, disingenuousness, etc. as a way to promote Christian living/obedience? Or was He loving and kind, yet bold and genuinely candid?

HB 3326 is the only bill presented that will candidly and courageously defend and end the current brutal murdering of the innocent and living pre-born. HB 3326 language loudly speaks "NO, NOT ON MY WATCH".

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Fear not your adversaries, stand morally and judicially for the innocent and living pre-born - as He would.

Linda Magid

Self

San Antonio, TX

Abortion is a health care right in the United States. Finding new ways to administer it is not criminal and the committee should not waste its time on bills that are not going to pass federal law scrutiny. Please focus on helping Texans get access to affordable health care, COVID-19 vaccinations, and other important health care issues.

Jana Colgate

self

Center Point, TX

I do not support this bill. Such bills violate the freedoms and rights of woman to make healthcare choices. Such bills create unsafe and dangerous choices for women and their healthcare providers.

Rachel Gollay

self

Fort Worth, TX

I strongly oppose HB 2337. Medication abortion is extremely safe and effective and gives patients the option to end their pregnancy at home or in another setting in which they feel comfortable, while still providing them with the medical support and information they need. Any attempt to restrict medication abortion is clearly motivated by politics, not science. This bill is in direct conflict with the FDA label. In April 2019, the FDA approved the first generic form of mifepristone, following a review of the evidence that medication abortion is a safe, effective way to end an early pregnancy — with a safety record of over 99%. This bill also takes enforcement decisions out of the hands of local governments.

Phyllis Duzan

Self

League City, TX

I oppose!

Joel Tope

self

Kingsland, TX

Abortion is a plague on our state. I'm appealing to you as our state representatives to put a stop to it. You need to be the voice for the pre-born who cannot speak for themselves. Please be bold and protect our children by abolishing abortion in the State of Texas. You have an obligation before the LORD to do this. He is the One who has put you in this position "for such a time as this." Don't fear men. Fear the LORD! I respectfully urge the committee to reject this continued regulation of abortion and to immediately hear HB 3326 which would completely abolish abortion in Texas. Thank you.

Edith Corbitt

Self

Whitney, TX

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I'm opposed to any legislation that intrudes on a patient's choice of healthcare. The government should not be involved with the healthcare choices that's between the patient and healthcare professionals.

Jeana Nam  
self, counselor  
Houston, TX

I'm strongly opposed to this bill. Medication abortion has been proven to be a safe and effective way to terminate a pregnancy in the first trimester, and there are already politically motivated and medically unnecessary restrictions in place by the FDA. What's more, this bill is in direct conflict with the FDA label. The passage of this bill would further restrict abortion for people who are already struggling to access the care they need.

Angelica Martinez  
self  
Seguin, TX

My name is Angie Davis and I oppose HB 1515. I oppose this on the basis that women have the right to make a personal choice about their body. Further, women need to be able to find safe and affordable access to an abortion. The process should be more simple for them to access it.

Laura Braley  
Self  
Plano, TX

Please reject the continued regulation of abortion and immediately hear HB 3326 which would completely abolish abortion in Texas.

Diana Richards  
Self, Volunteer  
Sherman, TX

My name is Diana Richards, and I am FOR HB2337 to protect women from life-changing and even deadly complications from using RU-486 type medical abortion drugs. This bill would make sure that a doctor has to examine the woman in person. I do have a request for a change: Will you please change the word "Conception" to the word "Fertilization"? Thank you for your time and consideration of this incredibly important bill. I respectfully request that HB2337 be passed favorably out of committee and supported through the Calendars process to make sure it can be voted on by the Full House. Diana Richards

Michelle Morris  
Self, financial planner  
Missouri City, TX

Oppose!

Lyndsi Lambert  
Self  
Austin, TX

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My name is Lyndsi Lambert and I oppose HB 2337.

Medication abortion is extremely safe and effective and gives patients the option to end their pregnancy at home or in another setting in which they feel comfortable, while still providing them with the medical support and information they need.

Any attempt to restrict medication abortion is clearly motivated by politics, not science.

This bill is in direct conflict with the FDA label. In April 2019, the FDA approved the first generic form of mifepristone, following a review of the evidence that medication abortion is a safe, effective way to end an early pregnancy — with a safety record of over 99%.

I urge you to reject this legislation.

Petra Weldes, Rev Dr

CSLDallas, a Center for Spiritual Living

Dallas, TX

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Any attempt to restrict medication abortion is clearly motivated by politics, not science.

This bill is in direct conflict with the FDA label. In April 2019, the FDA approved the first generic form of mifepristone, following a review of the evidence that medication abortion is a safe, effective way to end an early pregnancy — with a safety record of over 99%.

This choice belongs in the hands of women and their partners, not in the hands of politicians.

This option is incredibly important for low-income women who then have children which may require significant welfare support, the impact which the state of TX doesn't consider. "Save the child" but abandon both it and the mother the moment the child is born is an unacceptable policy for a truly civil society

Arun Welch

self

Missouri Cioty, TX

Abortion is an essential part of health care and decisions regarding this treatment should be made by the patient and the healthcare provider, not by the legislature.

Hannah Sullivan

Self

Lubbock, TX

Women deserve better! No one should be able to tell women how to control their bodies. Ridiculous and archaic, and potentially fatal to people who will seek abortions in other ways.

Dawn Tucker, Mrs.

Dawn Renae Tucker

Luling, TX

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Thank you for your concern in this matter,

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Michael Rastiello

Self, Product Manager

Austin, TX

This is a dangerous bill that would unfairly treat Texans seeking medical care that should remain private between them and their doctor. The government has no place in this discussion or decision.

Sara Beckner

Self

Pflugerville, TX

OPPOSE

Melanie Fletcher

Self writer

Plano, TX

I oppose this bill as I consider it to be far too restrictive, extreme, and dangerous for the health of women.

Monica Contreras

Self

Laredo, TX

Hello, my name is Monica

I am personally against this bill for numerous reason including that the government should not be making a woman's decision for her. It is unethical & unprofessional that this bill was made to control women. Without an medically safe abortion, I wouldn't be a productive member of society that contributes to the american economy. I urge everyone to not pass this bill since it would create an influx of dangerous abortions, force women to travel out of state or country, & will give texas a bad reputation on how they treat their citizens.

Lexy Garcia

texas rising

San Antonio, TX

Mifepristone is a completely safe drug that puts the power in the hands of people to live the lives they want. This bill is in direct conflict with the FDA label. In April 2019, the FDA approved the first generic form of mifepristone, following a review of the evidence that medication abortion is a safe, effective way to end an early pregnancy — with a safety record of over 99%. I strongly oppose this bill and urge you to vote no.

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Timothy Ohlman

Self

Schulenburg, TX

As a servant of Christ and of God I cannot but wonder that we would be trying to regular something that is as evil as aborting, the museum of babies in the womb. If there was a practice of sacrificing 3 year olds to an idol I don't think that you would attempt to regular what kind of 3 year old could be sacrificed nor how. Neither should we be regulating how babies are murdered in the womb but rather abolishing it, giving it the same punishment as any other murder crime.

Respectfully I ask that this Bill be put aside and that you put forward HB 3326 if others choose to vote it down God will judge them in there time but you at least will be guiltless in having done your duty.

We will be praying that God will give you a true sense of your duty of office and the courage to carry it out.

Esther 4:13-14 KJVS

[13] Then Mordecai commanded to answer Esther, Think not with thyself that thou shalt escape in the king's house, more than all the Jews.

[14] For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?

Maggie Adams

Self, stay at home parent

Nacogdoches, TX

Oppose. Medical abortions are safe, necessary medical procedures. Restricting access to these puts women's lives at risk and takes away their rights to make decisions about their healthcare.

Heidi Gordon

Self / None

League City, TX

Oppose. Keep abortion legal and safe

Jessica Rauch

self, stay at home mother

Amarillo, TX

My name is Jessica Rauch and I oppose House Bill 2337. This bill places extensive restrictions on how and when a provider can provide medication abortion. Mifepristone, the medication used in a medication abortion, is already subject to FDA restrictions and has a proven safety record. Medication abortion is extremely safe and effective and gives patients the option to end their pregnancy at home or in another setting in which they feel comfortable, while still providing them with the medical support and information they need. Any attempt to restrict medication abortion is clearly motivated by politics, not science. The government has no place in a doctors office. As none of the state legislators are doctors, please stop making medical decisions for Texans. This bill is in direct conflict with the FDA label. In April 2019, the FDA approved the first generic form of mifepristone, following a review of the evidence that medication abortion is a safe, effective way to end an early pregnancy — with a safety record of over 99%.

As a mother and a person who could become pregnant, I am strongly opposed to abortion bans and restrictions because I know how dangerous and difficult pregnancy and childbirth are. Pregnant people have rights and deserve to choose what to do with their bodies. There are no laws governing what a man can do with their body and there should be no laws governing anyone else's. This bill is dangerous for pregnant Texans because it has no basis in science fact and I urge you to reject this legislation.

Kathryn Motard

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Retired

Houston, TX

Oppose. A women with her doctor has the right to make this medical decision without fear of criminal penalty for herself or her medical providor

Hannah Thalenberg

Self, abortion funder

Houston, TX

My name is Hannah Thalenberg, and I oppose House Bill 2337. This extensive restrictions that this bill proposes to instate on how and when a provider can provide medication abortion are clearly motivated by politics, not science, and go against this committee's directive to promote public health.

Medication abortion is extremely safe and effective and gives patients the option to end their pregnancy at home or in another setting in which they feel comfortable, while still providing them with the medical support and information they need. It is already excessively hard to access this form of health care in Texas in that there is no medical reason why a patient should have to go to an abortion clinic to take the pill or why mifepristone can't be prescribed using telemedicine.

Mifepristone, the medication used in a medication abortion, is already subject to FDA restrictions and has a proven safety record. HB 2337 is in direct conflict with the FDA label. In April 2019, the FDA approved the first generic form of mifepristone, following a review of the evidence that medication abortion is a safe, effective way to end an early pregnancy — with a safety record of over 99 percent. This is significantly safer than carrying a pregnancy to term, especially in the state with the highest uninsured rate in the United States.

Lastly, HB 2337 takes enforcement decisions out of the hands of local governments, infringing on the autonomy of officials who know their communities best and are most directly accountable to these constuents.

We are still in the midst of a devastating global pandemic, and too many Texans still haven't recovered from the winter storm that ravaged our state earlier this year. Instead of trying to restrict medication abortion in order to score political points, I urge this committee to oppose House Bill 2337 and focus instead on the very real public health challenges we face.

Aditya Gollakota

Self - Student

Austin, TX

This is an absolutely terrible bill and restricts the fundamental freedoms of women. The government is not in a position to regulate a woman's body. I use this to vehemently oppose this bill.

Tabitha Ohlman

"Self/Yahweh", Homemaker

Schulenburg, TX

Dear House Committee,

I respectfully request that instead of trying to regulate abortion procedures, providers and facilities, that you would instead give 100% support to HB 3326. If murder without cause/justification is considered a gross offense in this country for human beings outside of the uterus then it is most evil to murder without cause/justification human beings inside the uterus who can't protect themselves from the evil of their parents or grandparents.

If your mother had decided to kill you in utero, you wouldn't be here today ruling Texas. Please take seriously the injunctions of Scripture regarding the gift of life and the responsibility of those who have some power over life.

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Genesis 1:26-28 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

Genesis 9:5-7 "Surely I will require your lifeblood; from every beast I will require it. And from every man, from every man's brother I will require the life of man. Whoever sheds man's blood, by man his blood shall be shed, for in the image of God He made man. As for you, be fruitful and multiply; populate the earth abundantly and multiply in it."

Proverbs 14:28 "In a multitude of people is a king's glory, but in the dearth of people is a prince's ruin."

Romans 1:18-21, 28, 29, 32 "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse. For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened...And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper, being filled with all...wickedness...murder...and although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them."

If you truly care about "woman's reproductive health", please stop baby murder. It kills the next generation of citizens, endangers mothers physically and psychologically, and the guilt of bloodshed rests on your hands.

Carol Andrews

Self

League City, TX

Oppose

Joni Silva

Self, Silva Lining Voice Over, LLC

Houston, TX

Just another ploy by the rabid protesters to get into control of my healthcare. Get Government out of my healthcare choices. Vote to oppose this bill.

Emily Domaschk

Self, audit & compliance manager

Elgin, TX

My name is Emily Domaschk and I oppose HB2337/SB394.

This bill is based on politics, not science. Medication abortion is already subject to FDA restrictions and has a proven safety record. Mifepristone is a extremely safe and provides women an option to manage their own care at home with the necessary medical information and support.

This type of legislation doesn't reduce the need for abortion. The most effective solution is improved medical care, access to effective birth control, and improved sex ed, that's not abstinence only but realistic. Conception takes both a man and a woman, and these attempts to limit abortion all focus on only policing women's bodies.

Kandice Miller

Whole Woman's Health Alliance

Austin, TX

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My name is Soraya Dadras, MPH, and I am a Clinic Director at Whole Woman's Health Alliance (WWHA). This bill severely limits how and when doctors can provide patients with medication abortion. Medication abortion is extremely safe and effective and gives patients the option to terminate their pregnancies at home or in another setting where they feel comfortable, while still providing them with the medical support and information they need.

Mifepristone is the first of two medications used in a medication abortion (also known as the "abortion pill"). Mifepristone has been safe and legal in the United States since the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved the brand name Mifeprex more than 20 years ago. In April 2019, the FDA approved the first generic form of mifepristone, following a review of the evidence that medication abortion is a safe, effective way to end an early pregnancy — with a safety record of over 99%.

This bill is in direct conflict with the FDA label. In its language it would limit medication abortion to 49 days from a patient's last missed period, which is three weeks sooner than is recommended by the FDA, which is 10 weeks from patients last missed period. This takes away a pregnant person's right to choose an often preferred method of ending a pregnancy.

The bill will punish doctors for following the FDA label and for the evidence based practice of medicine and violations would result in a state jail felony for abortion providers. Tying the hands of doctors and criminalizing them for providing care to the best of their ability that aligns with the latest advancements in science in medicine is cruel and doesn't serve the best interest of abortion patients. For all these reasons, I oppose House Bill 2337.

Samantha Cox

Self

Port Arthur, TX

Greetings,' Thank you for taking your time to read and consider my comment. I am testifying against this bill and other "pro-life" bills like it. (HB2337) Being able to detect a baby's heartbeat should never be considered a reason for keeping or not keeping your baby. It is easy for a medical practitioner and patient who are bent on having their baby murdered to "not see/hear" the baby's heartbeat. I am currently pregnant. I was able to hear a heartbeat at 8 weeks of pregnancy, but that didn't make my baby less of a human before then. If I decided to take a pill or anything else to cause myself to miscarry, thus giving myself an abortion, I would still be a murderer. Scientifically, we are humans from conception. I am not giving birth to a giraffe, pig, or dog. I am having a human. Religiously it is also wrong. Jeremiah 1:5, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations." By allowing abortions at any point, you are disobeying God. To be even clearer is this, "Thou Shalt Not Murder". By allowing murder you are not fulfilling your Romans 13 responsibility of bearing the sword against the evildoer. You have abdicated your God given authority. However, there is a bill that would abolish human abortion for good. This bill is called HB3326. Not only would this bill end abortion in the state of Texas, it would also give babies equal protection under the law. Babies do not deserve to die for the sins of their parents. Instead of supporting a bill with no teeth and the inability to stop abortion, why don't you support a bill that would grant equal protection for the unborn? Instead of continuing the sacrifice of babies on our soil, instead of allowing the blood of the innocent to cry to God, we could end abortion now. You have the authority to end abortion in Texas, making it the first to make such a step. Not that long ago Texans were brave enough to draw a line in the sand, are you still brave enough to make this step? Thank you for your time.

Plamena Petrova Petrova

self

League City, TX

Oppose!

Dana Epley

Self

Houston, TX

Opposed

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Brandi Trevino

Self

Katy, TX

Oppose

Billy O'Dell

40 Days for Life Denton

Sanger, TX

On average, more than 155 children are murdered by abortion every day in our state.

In spite of this horrific reality, the pro-life bills currently making progress through our legislature this session would take steps toward equal protection of our laws. I hope and pray that God would use you to help abolish abortion in our state. We need more safe guards for women as well. Abortion facilities cause so much pain and suffering and if the government can't protect them at least physically then it has failed.

The legislative priority of the Republican Party of Texas calls upon this legislature to “Abolish abortion by ensuring the right to life and equal protection of the laws to all preborn children from the moment of fertilization.”

I believe this is of the utmost importance that HB 1280 see a full vote by the the house. These bills are to important to not send them for a vote. We can't stand by and watch Children die. Let our representatives vote to determine the future of our state and how we will treat our most vulnerable. There are many other options to abortion, but killing can never be the way to handle an unplanned pregnancy. I am personally involved in helping organizations that actually help women in need. Lets get rid of abortion all together, but this is one step to make that happen. Thank you.

Jillian Lopiano, Dr

Whole Woman's Health

Fort Worth, TX

My name is Dr. Jillian Lopiano, MD, MPH, FACOG and I am the Texas Medical Director at Whole Woman’s Health. I submit my opposition to House Bill 2337. This bill severely limits how and when doctors can provide patients with medication abortion. Medication abortion is extremely safe and effective and gives patients the option to terminate their pregnancies at home or in another setting where they feel comfortable, while still providing them with the medical support and information they need.

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Rachel Pothier

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Self

Plano, TX

My name is Rachel Pothier and I oppose House Bill 2337.

I oppose this bill, as it takes away a life-saving medication option for women pursuing early-stage abortions. Texas women should have access to all healthcare, as well as full autonomy over their own bodies and medical decisions.

Medication abortion is proven to be safe and effective (the FDA has approved it with a 99% safety record), and gives women the option to end their pregnancy in a setting where they feel comfortable. Attempting to take away this medication is clearly motivated by politics, rather than science.

As a young Texas woman, abortion access is an extremely important issue to me. Women deserve the ability to make their own healthcare decisions, rather than restrictive governments.

I urge you to reject this legislation. Medication abortion is a safe, effective way to end early pregnancy should women choose. Getting rid of it in Texas, would not end abortions, but rather safe abortions for women.

Barbara Dearman

Self

Plano, TX

Oppose

Stephanie Villanueva (she/her)

self - public health graduate student

Cypress, TX

My name is Stephanie Villanueva (she/her), and I oppose House Bill 2337. I personally oppose this bill because I have an undergraduate degree in Public Health, and I currently am a graduate student pursuing my Master of Public Health (MPH) degree at UTHealth School of Public Health. I want to make it clear to the Texas Legislature that abortion is healthcare, therefore I would like to express my opposition to HB 2337. I am against this anti-abortion bill. I care about abortion access, because this is a medical decision that should be decided between the patient and the doctor, not by legislators. I urge you all to reject this legislation.

Gabriela Ahlheim, Mrs

self

Azle, TX

I urge the committee to reject the continued regulation of abortion and to immediately hear HB 3326 which would completely abolish abortion in Texas. There is no reason why Texas can't lead in this effort. If not now? When?

Courtney Chambers

self - public health professional

Austin, TX

My name is Courtney Chambers, MPH and I oppose HB 2337. Medication abortion is safe and effective and the preferred method for terminating a pregnancy for many Texans. To limit its use to 49 days, in conflict with current FDA guidelines, is a cruel attempt to limit access to abortion. Medication abortion is extremely safe and effective and this bill is not motivated by

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facts, science, or medicine, but by politics.

Sandra Alexander  
Self - prayer partner  
Midlothian, TX

Let me urge the committee to reject the continued regulation of abortion and to immediately hear HB 3326 which would completely abolish abortion in Texas.

Amelia Long  
Self, nonprofit employee  
Austin, TX

I am a Texan against HB 2337. Abortion is healthcare. Bills like this that negatively impact access to abortion are harmful to public health and they are just plain immoral. Don't do this to Texas.

Shawn Troxell, Ms  
Self  
New Braunfels, TX

To whomever reads this:  
I am very much against HB 1515, HB 1280, HB 2337, HB 2313, HB 3218 and HB 3760. My representative, knows my opinion. He believes, like the supporters of these bills, that their religious beliefs should be forced upon all of us. They believe life begins at conception. Science proves it does not. Therefore, these bills cannot become laws because they infringe upon my rights. There can be no using religion to make a law. Don't you agree?  
In denying women the right to choose you are condemning many of us to a harder life, with more obstacles, often shamed as a single mother, unable to find a good paying job and hours that work while also raising a child.  
It seems to me that you simply don't care about us.  
What I do to my body is not your choice.  
NOT your choice.  
The choice is mine.

You must not allow these bills up for discussion, much less a vote. Too many men, too many religious men, too many white old religious men simply cannot be allowed to debate a woman's right to choose.  
I'm not alone in my anger over these bills.  
So I will be watching what's happening and sharing with my family, friends, and former students.

Gyla Fowler, Ms  
Gyla Fowler  
Austin, TX

Women need access to safe, affordable abortions. Abortion care is health care. Leave our healthcare alone. Nothing like a bunch of white men making decisions for women about their bodies.

Bettie Forman  
Bettie Forman  
Austin, TX

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Strongly oppose!!!

Renee Roth

Self

Tyler, TX

Oppose

Jeri Saper, Mrs

Self - Business Owner

Austin, TX

I strongly oppose this bill. Women have a right to make decisions about their own bodies.

Kim Kahn

Ncjlw

Austin, TX

Putting a women's health before that of her unborn fetus is a fundamental belief of my Jewish faith.

I therefore implore you not to pass this prohibitive bill.

Isabelle Headrick

self, student

Austin, TX

I oppose this bill as a dangerous and unlawful attack on the human rights of women, on religious freedom, and on medical privacy. This is a Christian supremacist and male supremacist bill.

Branda Thomas

Decatur Matting and Framing

Decatur, TX

I am strongly in favor of this bill.

eileen Ladd

NCJW

Austin, TX

The government should stay out of a woman's health decisions

Cat Yuracka, Mrs

Self

San Marcos, TX

I oppose this attempt to restrict women's rights to manage their own healthcare. Republicans are always saying the "big

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government” needs to stay out of citizens’ personal lives...even to the point of not having governmental regulations where they are needed for the protection of the citizenry. Please keep “big government” out of the discussions that should be between women and their doctors and my families, and the decisions that belong to women alone.

Marga Matthews

Self

Baytown, TX

I support the HB 2337 relating to the regulation of drug - induced abortion procedures, providers, and facilities; providing criminal penalties!!!

Ashlee Dunlap

Self - Behavior Therapist

Frisco, TX

The fact that the State of Texas is attempting to intervene with a medical procedure is a direct violation of freedom and privacy. Since when did Texas want a more involved and large government? Since when was the Republican Party the party of control? The party of invading its citizens privacy and freedoms? It is extremely hypocritical and also morally wrong to attempt to dictate medical decisions relating to pregnancy. If pregnancy is covered by health insurance, it is a medical issue. Therefore, policy makers who have never had a personal pregnancy should certainly not hold any weight in a citizens decision. Religiously influenced decisions should also be completely absent from legislative decisions. It is one thing to base decisions on a grouping of peer reviewed research from experts who attended ~10 years of collegiate education. It’s another to base decisions on a personal belief and lifestyle. Christianity is a choice. So is abortion. Albeit different types of choices, neither should be interfered with. Religion and medical decisions are two things no government should interfere with. If any of you can actually tell me what Hyperemesis Gravidarum is, I might consider listening to what you have to say. But the truth is, there are so many pregnancy complications that they could never be listed in a bill, in a Facebook post, in this comment, or an article. Any bill restricting abortion will always fall short on protecting the woman.

Imagine your sister, wife, or mother getting pregnant and being elated. In a world where all abortions are illegal. Something goes wrong and she has a spontaneous abortion, also known as a miscarriage. She now is legally allowed to be investigated as a murderer because she has a miscarriage. Something already traumatizing being made worse just so the government can make sure that she didn’t do it on purpose. This is what y’all are setting up for women to experience by introducing these laws. You don’t actually care about women’s trauma. Otherwise, you would understand that trauma experiences are subjective and that what you’re doing causes just as much trauma. You care about restraining the people, you care about creating a government that slowly inches over the privacy of the citizens. You care about making medical decisions that you have no educational background for. You’re not equipped for this as politicians. But you can’t accept it and you’re scrambling to keep your thin veil of power over the people. Which is ironic, because you can’t even keep the power ON for the people, though it is a completely different issue. If you cared about the innocent, our foster homes wouldn’t look like it does. If you cared about the innocent, we wouldn’t have innocent people in jail. If you cared about the innocent, you’d actually live the life of love you claim you do. But honestly, Jesus would be embarrassed by your hatred, your restrictions, your judgement, and your control. He would allow freedom. He would LOVE.

Sharon Krumholz

Sharon Krumholz, self, retired

Austin, TX

I strongly oppose this bill, as it is unconstitutional and it goes against the teachings and practice of the Jewish faith.

autumn keiser

self. Director of Marketing and Communications

Austin, TX

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I am writing in opposition to HB 2337. Medication abortion is extremely safe, and the preferred method of pregnancy termination for around 40% of patients who seek that healthcare. We know that when options for abortion are restricted it does not prevent abortions, but instead drives pregnant people to seek that care in less regulated and safe ways. Allowing qualified providers to navigate that process with patients is the best way to ensure the health and safety for those patients. You know this. You have expert testimony, research, and historical context before you to inform your decision. This legislation simply forces women to consider unsafe methods on her own when she faces an unintended pregnancy.

Nina Nikolova

self

League city, TX

opposed

Connie Haham, Ms

NCJW

Austin, TX

I strongly object to bills meant to criminalize or otherwise limit a woman's choice to have an abortion. Access to abortion in the first 12 weeks of pregnancy should be open to all, with no qualifications. A woman who aborts a fetus should never face questions, intimidation or penalty of any sort. Nor should any qualified medical professional who performs an abortion. Please retract this bill. Women should never again be put in the position they were in before Roe vs Wade, and lawmakers should not infuse their legislation with their private convictions, particularly those not widely consented to in society. I remember when classmates disappeared from my life in the 1960s and returned with babies they were too young to care for. Would that they had the options that were later available. Do not subject our daughters and granddaughters to your beliefs. In turn, no one will insist that your wives, your daughters have abortions if they do not wish to. It is called choice and respect for personhood. I particularly favor drug-induced abortion procedures and support the providers and want them to be available to women and not punished or harassed by anyone, including lawmakers.

Kendall Bentsen

self, Organizer

Houston, TX

If Texas law further regulates medication abortions, then it takes no stretch of the imagination to see how the state could prosecute women for the outcomes of their pregnancies.

No pregnant person can guarantee a healthy birth outcome: 15-20% of all pregnancies end in a miscarriage or a stillbirth. How will the Texas Legislature differentiate a medication abortion caused by Mifepristone-Misoprostol from a "spontaneous abortion" (i.e. miscarriage)? This bill will open the door for pregnant women to be held criminally responsible for their pregnancy outcomes. A pregnant woman could face criminal prosecution for every action and inaction that is believed by her partner, law enforcement, or prosecutors to result in a miscarriage or stillbirth, even if she intended to go to term. Even if the bill is not intended to criminalize the pregnant woman upon whom the medication abortion is attempted, induced, or performed...it still will. Even though the bill explicitly says it won't...it still will.

Criminalizing someone for their pregnancy outcome also undermines the doctor-patient relationship and deters pregnant women from obtaining prenatal care. Intended or not, this legislation will further promote state surveillance to police pregnancy and will keep pregnant women from being honest with their providers. Passing legislation that causes pregnant women to be scared off from prenatal care doesn't just hurt the pregnant woman, it hurts her baby and family.

Not to mention, to be able to have an abortion by taking safe medications is an absolute blessing! Abortion pills have been proved to be extremely safe for decades, FDA-approved for the past 20 years. They are safer than taking Tylenol or Viagra. Medication abortions have been used by millions around the world for the past 30 years. And medication abortion is quickly becoming the

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most common abortion option in the U.S. accounting for 40% of abortions every year.

Having a medication abortion is very similar to having a miscarriage. The medications stop a pregnancy from growing and cause cramping and bleeding to empty the uterus. You don't need specific equipment, don't need examinations and bloodwork. In fact, last summer, ACOG released a new "no test" protocol that eliminates the need for in-office exams and testing.

I strongly oppose this bill. It amounts to nothing more than a thinly veiled attempt to further entrench hostility towards pregnant women into Texas law. Rather than further curtailing access to abortion, the Texas legislature should focus on the true threats to women and infant health, including access to quality healthcare, intimate partner violence, and maternal mortality, of which Texas ranks in the top 20% in the country. If you really value life, value the people who create life.

Lisa Tolhurst

self/RN

Dickinson, TX

Oppose. We do not need more regulation of medical abortions. Eliminating tele-health and mail delivery of pills puts more stress on women who are already stressed.

Barbara Zeigler

self

Sealy, TX

My name is Barbara Zeigler, from Austin County, House District 13 and I represent myself and am here to testify on HB 2337. Women can have abortions in Texas, not because of Planned Parenthood. Women can have abortions in Texas, not even because of Roe vs. Wade. Women in Texas can have abortions in Texas because of you, the Texas legislators. You write and pass legislation (like HB 2337) that allows the regulation of the slaughter of babies in the womb. According to the Oxford Dictionary, the origin of the word "pro" is from Latin, meaning: "on behalf of." If you campaigned as someone that is "prolife," then that means you are "on behalf of" life. If you vote for or write any legislation other than being "on behalf of" life then you are not pro-life and you have not been honest with the people who put you in those seats.

Near my home, on Interstate 10 there used to be a billboard that read, "Real Christians obey Jesus' teachings." A good reminder that if we claim Christ, then we must obey what is taught in the Bible. Jesus says in Matthew 6:24, "No one can serve 2 masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other..." You cannot be on the fence when it comes to protecting the unborn. There is no gray area. Jesus is for life! Either you are for life or against it. Do you obey the teachings of the Jesus and the Bible? Considering a bill, such as HB 2337, that addresses merely regulates how the abortion is to occur is outrageous and is not for life.

The Bible teaches us in the book of Philippians 1:27 and 2:4, "let us not look only to our own interests but also to the interests of others" (the unborn – those with no voice) and "Let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ."

To end, in the book of Joshua 24:14-15 he commands that we "Fear the Lord and serve Him in sincerity and in faithfulness – and then Joshua appealed to the people of his day, as I do with you now, "Choose this day whom you will serve." Choose Christ, choose life and choose to abolish abortion in Texas. Please support legislation that end abortion completely! Thank you for your time.

Deborah Roberson

Self- mental healthcare practitioner

Pflugerville, TX

I am firmly am in OPPOSITION to this bill.

It is not against the law to have an abortion, please do not impose criminal penalties!

Do not sign!

Betty Taylor

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self

BROWNWOOD, TX

This bill is not enforceable, and does not provide equal protection for life in the womb. Please instead support HB 3326. Thank you.

Betty Taylor, 4414 Rosewood Drive, Brownwood, Tx 76801

Lynn Krasnow

Self

Austin, TX

Vote NO. Respect a woman's right to make decisions on these issues in conjunction with her religious beliefs, her family, and her doctor.

Kathy Turner

self, retired

McGregor, TX

Although I personally favor the immediate, outright abolition of abortion, I support this bill because it would save the lives and promote the health of pregnant women. I urge you to favorably report this bill out of committee. Thank you.

Brittany Greece

Self

North Richland Hills, TX

My name is Brittany Greece and I oppose House Bill 2337. Abortion access should be available with no restrictions. Abortion is healthcare.

Shari Davis, Ms

NCJW

Austin, TX

Oppose

fred campbell, Physician

UT Health San Antonio

SAN ANTONIO, TX

As a physician, I oppose this bill in that it violates current Federal law

Anne Grinols

self - retired

Waco, TX

Drug-induced abortion procedures in use today reflect a shocking lack of medical oversight. Please pass this bill to halt these

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procedures. Penalize anyone who would bring this harm to anyone.

Allison Smith  
self, University Student  
College Station, TX

Absolutely disgusting how this state continues to attack our rights to reproductive healthcare. There is NO scientific or legitimate reasoning for this legislation to exist outside of warped, twisted, unethical biases within our state government.

Warren Harris  
self  
Dallas, TX

I think it is an abomination that a legislature comprised predominantly of conservative men has any business at all regulating women's reproductive rights. It is none of your business. Stay out of it. I guarantee at the next election I will be doing everything I can to get every possible Democrat to the polls to vote out anyone trying to limit women's rights in any way whatsoever.

Katherine McGovern  
SELF  
Dallas, TX

HB 2337: Restricts the availability of medication abortion. Texas is a Democracy. HB 2337 is anti-Democracy because it seeks to substitute the medical decision of a woman to terminate her pregnancy with a religiously based governmental decision which prevents/inhibits her ability to do so. HB 2337 is anti-Democracy because it seeks to impose a religious belief on female and male individuals who are involved in a safe, legal medical procedure to terminate a pregnancy, and to criminalize the procedure. Vote NO!

Jessica Moreno  
self, LCSW  
Austin, TX

My name is Jessica Moreno and I write to oppose House Bill 2337. For over 15 years I too have worked as a public servant for nonprofits serving women, children, and teens to address domestic and sexual violence in our state. Too often I've witnessed cases of coercion and rape that led to unintended pregnancies, and we know that pregnancy in can elevate violence in the context of a domestic violence relationship. To pass HB 2337 would not only put women's lives at more risk, it would also in many cases force women to keep pregnancies at a time when many of their rights have already been violated. Keeping a pregnancy should never be your choice as legislators; it should always be an individual's choice.

HB 2337 places extensive restrictions on how and when a provider can provide medication abortion. Medication abortion is extremely safe and effective and gives patients the option to end their pregnancy at home or in another setting in which they feel comfortable, while still providing them with the medical support and information they need. For survivors who've had much of their autonomy stripped from them, this option can be even more powerful to their healing. As a woman who may someday choose this option myself, I also believe this decision should not be up to you.

Any attempt to restrict medication abortion is clearly motivated by politics, not science. This bill is in direct conflict with the FDA label. Mifepristone, the medication used in a medication abortion, is already subject to FDA restrictions and has a proven safety record. In April 2019, the FDA approved the first generic form of mifepristone, following a review of the evidence that medication abortion is a safe, effective way to end an early pregnancy — with a safety record of over 99%.

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Women and medical experts have the lived experiences and education to provide recommendations on reproductive care, NOT legislators. It has been devastating to see my representatives chose to focus on divisive, personal views by passing this stream of anti-abortion bills rather than on issues that impact us all and need real attention like the welfare and education of the children that are already in this world. I write today to urge you to stop these harmful anti-abortion bills and leave choice where it belongs - the person who's uterus is impacted.

Eva Bonilla

Self

Fort Worth, TX

This is between God and woman not for men to decide.

Laura Payet

Self - legal writer

Austin, TX

Once again our legislature is contemplating an abortion bill that does nothing to promote women's health, or to care for the thousands of women and children in our state who need help. Mifepristone has an extensive safety record and is already subject to FDA restrictions. Any further attempt to regulate it is clearly motivated by politics, not legitimate health concerns.

Sarah Payet

Self, Student

Austin, TX

I am going to stomp you to death with my hooves.

Ricardo Martinez

Self

Austin, TX

My name is Ricardo and I'm against this bill. This bill places extensive restrictions on how and when a provider can provide medication abortion. Mifepristone, the medication used in a medication abortion, is already subject to FDA restrictions and has a proven safety record.

Medication abortion is extremely safe and effective and gives patients the option to end their pregnancy at home or in another setting in which they feel comfortable, while still providing them with the medical support and information they need. Any attempt to restrict medication abortion is clearly motivated by politics, not science. This bill is in direct conflict with the FDA label. In April 2019, the FDA approved the first generic form of mifepristone, following a review of the evidence that medication abortion is a safe, effective way to end an early pregnancy — with a safety record of over 99%. This bill takes enforcement decisions out of the hands of local governments

Tonya Cauduro

Self - Small Business Owner

Lewisville, TX

I oppose House Bill 2337 because women must have the right to choose what happens to their own bodies. Please reject this legislation!

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BRIAN SANDLER  
BLM, NAACP, SPLC  
Arlington, TX

How about instead supporting better sex education and access to contraceptives to limit unwanted pregnancies and increasing access to healthcare to try to prevent fetal issues that result in unwanted terminations? Do something that's actually effective and helpful for people.

Barbara Baruch  
Women. NCJW-SA  
San Antonio, TX

What does the Committee intend to do about all of the unwanted children this bill will produce. Government has no business in a woman's private decisions with her doctor and her family. Why do you pay attention to anti-maskers, and anti-vaxers but ignore the overwhelming number of women who support the right of a woman to control her own body? A rich woman can go to another country but poor women will die because of this law.

Renee Sabel  
Self  
San Antonio, TX

I strongly oppose this, as it eliminates the safest and most common procedure available.

Alheli Harvey  
self/doctoral student  
Austin, TX

Yet another bill that represents nothing but ongoing violence and discrimination toward women by regulating their bodies in the disguise of a moral argument. It is infantilizing and punitive and will create an undue burden on women, especially poor women and intimidate providers-- thereby creating an even greater restriction and burden. This is unconstitutional and its claims are baseless. By infringing upon a woman's right to an abortion, her private and inalienable right to choose is undermined and undone. It is unconstitutional and makes people less free.

brian rogers  
Law Office of Brian J. Rogers  
Friendswood, TX

Oppose this bullshit.

Sheereen Ibtesam, Miss  
Progress Texas  
Fort Worth, TX

Abortion is safe.  
Abortion is necessary.  
Abortion is a right.  
Abortion is health care.

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Stop your unconstitutional bill nonsense.  
It's women's bodies women's choices.  
Stop trying to criminalize womens constitutional right.

Ana Rodriguez

Self

Houston, TX

My name is Ana Rodriguez, I am submitting written testimony against HB 2337.

HB 2337 is an extreme and dangerous bill that would ban medication abortion after 7 weeks gestation, before many Texans know they are pregnant.

Medication abortion is extremely safe and effective. Anti-abortion politicians should not legislate arbitrary limitations on the use of medication abortion, they do not know better than medical providers.

The added requirement for a doctor performing an abortion to also be able to administer RhoGAM, is yet another medically unnecessary restriction to abortion care. Anti-abortion politicians do not know better than medical providers. Politicians must stop interfering between medical providers and their patients.

Instead of restricting access to a safe and effective medication, lawmakers should be making it easier for Texans to access health care from home during the ongoing pandemic that has cost over 46,000 Texans their life.

I urge the committee to vote against HB 2337.

Christina Gunter

Self

Coppell, TX

As a Texas citizen I reject this extreme legislation. This legislation along with the other five are all oppressing women and their rights to their reproductive system. Creating a criminal offense for women who have an abortion is outrageous. Making abortions illegal and a criminal offense will not stop abortions from occurring. All it will do is result in more women deaths, be it by attempted self abortions or suicide. As a woman this is absolutely terrifying to me. I am married and on birth control as we do not want to children and birth control is not 100% effective. If these legislations were to pass I would not feel safe living in the state of Texas.

Abigail OConnor

self

Austin, TX

Abortion access should not be restricted,

Berenice Craig

not applicable

Austin, TX

This is bill is in direct conflict with FDA label and has a 99% safety record. This bill is simply more anti-science legislation from legislators who are most concerned with politics than the well-being of their constituents. Women have a right to privacy, choice for their own healthcare, and support (via access to healthcare) in order to plan their parenthood in accordance with the lives they are able to lead. Exercise compassion and empathy by opposing this bill.

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Amanda Ortiz  
Lockheed Martin  
Austin, TX

I OPPOSE criminalizing abortion at all, regardless of pregnancy stage, or type of abortion. As Texas has one of the highest rate of teen pregnancies, and with studies showing that when abortion is banned, self performed abortions go up, which will lead to more injuries and deaths of mothers, than if abortion is ALLOWED, Texas needs to allow abortion, or texas' girls will be finding ways to do abortions themselves with hangers. Do you want babies killed by hangers or offered real medical support. I oppose criminalization of abortion!

Hannah Margolis  
National Council of Jewish Women  
San Antonio, TX

truly opposed

Kat Beam  
Self  
Wimberley, TX

My name is Kat and I oppose House Bill 2337. As a fertile woman who could have children when she so chooses this bill impacts me directly. I want a choice, I deserve a choice and I will always have a choice. A bill such as this will force many to take actions that will undoubtedly kill or render themselves infertile. Religion has no say on my body, to use any form of religious text or belief does not warrant a lawmaker personal bias on me. I have freewill to choose when to be sexually active, to use the protection I find best for my body, including having an abortion if my birth control fails. Having an abortion three years ago has allowed me to grow into a meritorious wife, Aunt, sister and employee. I have no regrets in my decision, especially because it was done in a safe and healthy manner. Forcing this bill and removing healthy access to abortion for anyone at anytime, will create more death than life. I urge you to not sign this bill. I implore you not to sign this bill. I beseech you not to sign this bill. Please do not sign this bill.

Mabel Terminel  
Self  
El Paso, TX

Opposed to this gross overreach of government authority over women's bodies and autonomy

Jill Robbins  
Self  
Holland, TX

This bill is not what the delegates of the Republican party of Texas ask you for. We ask for abolition. Please amend this bill to give equal protection and ignore Roe!

LeRoy Whitman  
self / Bible Translator  
Denton, TX

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I am in favor of this bill. It is forward-looking, as the abortion industry (which seems hell-bent on leading as many mothers as possible to kill at least their first child, if not continue unmarried and having multiple abortions) has already put out strategy points in which they want to move away from surgical abortions to “at-home” and other types of chemical abortions.

While the total number of abortions across all states in America stands at about 62 million children, I do not think the large number of chemical/pill premeditated kills are even included in the officially recognized number.

For the complete Abolition (criminalization) of Abortion, which is necessary, those producing these drugs specifically to murder growing, already existing children must, along with distributors and end-user sellers must also be liable.

margaret burke  
self, venue manager  
austin, TX

I strongly oppose the consideration of this bill.

Rebecca Bowers  
Self / Accountant  
Fort Worth, TX

It is a woman's right to choose what is done with her body. It is not the right of the state to dictate a human beings choices regarding their own reproduction. Just like it would not be right to dictate a man get a vasectomy.

Jacob Wiggins  
Self  
Houston, TX

Epilepsy treatment needed

Briana Miles  
Self, Community Organizer  
Sugar Land, TX

Hi my name is Briana Miles and I oppose HB 2337.

Medication abortion is extremely safe and effective and gives patients the option to end their pregnancy at home or in another setting in which they feel comfortable, while still providing them with the medical support and information they need. Any attempt to restrict medication abortion is clearly motivated by politics, not science. This bill is in direct conflict with the FDA label. In April 2019, the FDA approved the first generic form of mifepristone, following a review of the evidence that medication abortion is a safe, effective way to end an early pregnancy — with a safety record of over 99%. With the many restrictions already limiting access to abortion, especially in rural areas, this is essential. The decision to have an abortion is a personal medical decision that involves a person and their doctor not Texas State legislators. In a state with one of the highest uninsured rates, you would think the focus would be on expanding healthcare access not restricting it. I urge those reading this to vote in opposition to HB 2337.

Jasmine Tolhurst  
Texas Democratic Women of Galveston County and self as a student at UHCL  
Dickinson, TX

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Opposed. Abortions should be a decision between a woman and her doctor and should be an option to her. No one should dictate a woman's life choices. God invites us all into communion with the understanding we are all sinners and will forever be sinners falling short of his glory. If these decisions are based on the legalism of certain religions that directly violates separation of church and state. Our laws should be based on research and facts given by experts in their fields. Banning abortion is not aligned with what is best to support the mental health of women or families. Texas already does not want to help the children and families who already exist by saying social programs are too expensive and handouts. What do you plan on doing when there are even more children and women and families suffering? Women should be informed if every option available. Extra litigation and emotional and financial burdens on women is not right. You are taking away women's freedoms and her autonomy over her own body. Pro-birthing like you are advocating is Anti-freedom and it is unAmerican. Women should have the right to choose the healthcare option that is right for her. The choice to end a pregnancy is not up to the Texas Legislative body to decide for her.

Lynn Stahl

National council of Jewish Women

San Antonio, TX

We are horrified by this bill and strongly oppose it.

Amanda Moorhead

Self, OT

Lubbock, TX

I am strongly opposed to this house bill. Drug induced abortion care is safe and effective and provides a medically necessary service. JUST STOP restricting women's right to their health care!

Regina Beavers

Self

Eules, TX

Oppose

Madeline Oden

Self-Reporter

Temple, TX

This bill is unconstitutional and violates the humanitarian rights of women am Deeply against this bill, as well as the bills HB 1515, HB 1280, HB 2313/SB 802, HB 3218/ SB 1173, HB 3760/ SB 1647.

These bills do not benefit anyone, not even the babies the bills are claiming to protect. They are unjustly taking the rights away from families to privacy, proper and safe medical care, and a choice that should only affect that family and their doctors. As a believer in texas, a Christian, and a woman. I beg you to reconsider passing these bills.

Karl Holbert

Self

Round Rock, TX

I am against HB 2337

Monica Holbert

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Self, graphic designer

Round Rock, TX

I am against HB 2337

Darlene Holbert

Self, retired

Round Rock, TX

I am against HB 2337

Burt Holbert

Self, student

Round Rock, TX

I am against HB 2337

Karen Kelley

self, Administrative

austin, TX

I oppose HB 1280. Women's Healthcare is between her and her doctor.

Caitlin Flynt

Self

Dallas, TX

My name is Caitlin Flynt and I am writing to vehemently oppose House Bill 2337. HB 2337 would place extensive restrictions on when and how medical providers can provide medication abortion. The medication used in a medication abortion, Mifepristone, is already subject to FDA restrictions and has a trusted and proven safety record.

Medication abortion is incredibly safe and effective, and is an essential part of healthcare for Texans. Medication abortion gives patients the ability to end their pregnancy wherever they feel the safest, whether that be at home or in another setting, while still providing them with the medical support and information that they need. This attempt to restrict access to medication abortion is very brazenly motivated by politics and not concern for Texan's health, nor is it backed by the science that informs medical professionals.

Additionally, HB 2337 is in direct conflict with the FDA label. The generic form of mifepristone was approved by the FDA in April of 2019, following a review that clearly showed that medication abortion is safe and effective, with a safety record of over 99%. In fact, medication abortion is less dangerous for Texans than giving birth in this state. Texas has one of the top ten highest maternal mortality rates in the country.

Abortion access is incredibly important to me. I had an abortion when I was 19 and struggling to make ends meet between my full time job and college. My abortion gave me the happy, prosperous life I have today and without it, my situation would be much different right now. I am grateful for my abortion, and that I was able to make that decision for myself. Restrictions on abortion access are cruel and place the heaviest burden on the people already suffering the most. By prioritizing a bill that restricts Texans' access to vital healthcare, Texas is sending the message that it does not care about the health or the lives of its citizens.

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House Bill 2337 is an extensively restrictive law that would hurt Texans and keep people from the care that they need. As a Texan, I am asking that you reject this legislation and vote NO on HB 2337.

Anuradha Koli

Self

Austin, TX

I am opposed to this bill because it is based on bald faced lies and goes against the FDA. Medical abortion is safe and effective. This bill is another example of Texas politicians interfering in the doctor-patient relationship. It is absolutely egregious.

Ethan Wayland

self

McKinney, TX

Abortion is safe.

Abortion is necessary.

Abortion is a right.

Abortion is health care.

David Elam

Self, business owner

Rowlett, TX

Dear representatives,

While I appreciate your desire to diminish the number of abortions in our state, the only true remedy to save lives is to abolish abortion. As a proud life-long Texan, I urge you to hear HB 3326, which would abolish the barbaric, inhumane, and scientifically unconscionable practice of abortion. This must be done immediately. Saving a few more lives through regulation is not what our unborn children deserve. All life deserves to be protected from conception to natural death. Thank you for considering this important matter which is a very important issue to so many Texans. God bless you as you serve our people, including the pre-born.

AJ Price, Mx.

self; sole proprietor of small business

League City, TX

I oppose this bill. I reject government overreach into private medical decisions. I support the right of bodily autonomy regardless of pregnancy status.

Brianna Donnelly

Self

Frisco, TX

Abortion is safe.

Abortion is necessary.

Abortion is a right.

Abortion is health care.

Megan Baker

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Self, childcare

Austin, TX

Medication abortion is the perfect alternative to surgical abortion. It's very, very safe (as acknowledged by the FDA), and takes place very early on. People **MUST** be able to decide when they will become parents! Planned parenthood is far, far better for children than people being tied to an accidental pregnancy by the state. Before I moved to Texas I thought this was a place where government was not wanted in every corner of people's lives. Let's see that libertarian spirit now. Let people make the most momentous decision of their lives without the interference of the state!

Maggi Carter, Ms.

Self/retired

Beaumont, TX

The State of Texas needs to stay out of personal medical health decisions of people.

Cheryl Maben

Myself

Burleson, TX

Stop threatening the doctors. Stop treating women as possessions to be owned and controlled. This is supposed to be a free country and not just for men and Christians. Women will never be truly free in this country as long as what we do with our own bodies can be legislated by the government. Freedom for women and not just men and Christians. Separation of Church and State.

Harold Scott

N/A

League City, TX

Oppose

Kayla Perez

Self

San Antonio, TX

My name is Ms. Perez and I oppose House Bill HB1280

This bill is unconstitutional.

You are aware of the implications of how this will harm Texans.

It is a violation of bodily autonomy.

You are chose not to listen and legislate by empirical and tangible evidence.

Texas should not be violating human rights.

Mary Ambrose

self

Austin, TX

I wish to comment and voice my concern about several bills intended to restrict access to, criminalize, and otherwise harm people seeking the provision of an abortion in Texas, including HB 1515, HB 1280, HB 2337, HB 2313, HB 3218, HB 1173 and HB 3760. Individually and as a whole these bills would have harmful impacts for people seeking an abortion and disempower these

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individuals from making decisions about their own life and well-being. Instead of shaming and criminalizing individuals seeking abortion through legislative attack, elected officials should be aspiring to make changes that align with the values and improve the well-being of their constituents. Polling by the Texas Politics Project in February 2021 found that 55% of Texans believe that abortion laws should either be less strict or left as they are now, compared to 32% that believe they should be more strict (<https://texaspolitics.utexas.edu/set/should-abortion-laws-be-more-or-less-strict-february-2021>). Proposed bills that further restrict access to abortion such as HB 1515, HB 1280, HB 2337, HB 2313, HB 3218, HB 1173 and HB 3760 do not line up with the opinion of most Texans and would cause unnecessary harm to individuals seeking an abortion and I urge you not to support these proposals.

Corlie Jackson  
TXLege, LWV,  
Galveston, TX

OPPOSE!!This increases the health risk/propensity of botched/late stage termination by increasing the difficulty in obtaining medical termination. My body, my choice. The state should not be regulating my personal body choices.

brandie baker  
self  
austin, TX

I would like to state my opposition to HB 2337.

Bill Roberts  
self  
Driftwood, TX

It makes sense to provide women basic medical attention prior to allowing a chemical abortion and would give parents a chance to make a parental decision with their pregnant child.

Amy O'Donnell, Mrs.  
Texas Alliance For Life  
Austin, TX

Testimony of Amy O'Donnell  
House Public Health Committee  
Supporting House Bill 2337  
April 7, 2021

Hello, my name is Amy O'Donnell. I am the Director of Communications for Texas Alliance for Life, a statewide non-profit committed to protecting innocent human life from conception to natural death.

I'm testifying today in favor of HB 2337 to keep our state's RU 486 safety regulations so that drug-induced abortions maintain adequate safety protections if the federal courts or the Biden Administration blocks the FDA's regulations.

In 2013, thanks to then-Senator Dan Patrick, the legislature included in HB 2 crucial provisions to protect the safety of women undergoing drug-induced abortions, paving the way to these protections we seek to maintain today.

Drug-induced abortions are the second most common method of abortion, making up 40% of abortions in Texas.

Even under the best of circumstances, they result in a four-time higher complication rate for women than surgical abortions,

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according to a credible study published by the ACOG.

Under the FDA regulations and current state law, a woman must see a physician before obtaining chemical abortion drugs. This in-person visit is essential. A physician can ascertain whether her pregnancy is ectopic, whether she is RH negative, and how far the pregnancy is gestationally.

RU 486 ingested by a woman with an ectopic pregnancy could result in severe health complications like hemorrhaging or death. If an RH negative female were to take RU 486, it could render her infertile, raise risks of future miscarriages and other complications with future pregnancies. Gestationally, the Mifeprex regimen is considered safest within seven weeks since the woman's last menstrual period, as the law in 2013 required.

It is interesting to be sitting here today as a staff member of one of Texas's most prominent pro-life organizations, advocating on behalf of women's safety regarding chemical abortion drugs. Our goal, first and foremost, is to protect the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death. However, being pro-life means being pro-woman. We want to do what we can to protect the future health and fertility of women considering a drug-induced abortion even as we advocate for the protection of unborn lives.

Thank you for your time.

Brian Gutierrez

Self

Austin, TX

I disagree with having any criminal penalties for this medical procedure

Andrew LeCody

self - Senior Engineer

Carrollton, TX

Laws that limit access to health resources, remove a person's ability to make decisions for themselves or create a chilling effect on the providers of these services is immoral and unconstitutional. Pregnancy, whether intentional or accidental, is a purely personal experience and no one has claim to a woman's body but herself. Stripping a person of their bodily autonomy by masquerading it as compassion is a vile and uniquely evil form of oppression.

Bodily autonomy, self determination, self defense, and other human rights must never be infringed. I oppose HB 2337 and any similar bill.

Neesha Davé, Ms.

Lilith Fund

Austin, TX

We oppose HB 2337.

HB 2337 is an extreme and dangerous bill that would ban medication abortion after 7 weeks gestation, before many Texans know they are pregnant and in direct conflict to FDA guidelines. Additionally, as written, the prohibition from providing any abortion-inducing drug via courier, delivery, or mail service, could prevent medication abortion drugs from being shipped into Texas at all—even to a provider.

Medication abortion is extremely safe and effective. FDA guidelines state that Mifepristone is recommended for up to 70 days gestation, and the World Health Organization guidance supports Medication Abortion past 70 weeks of last menstrual period. Texas should remove all medically unnecessary restrictions on Medication Abortion and follow lead of medical experts.

The bill would punish doctors with a felony for using their professional experience and training to provide the highest quality,

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evidence-based care for their communities.

Anti-abortion politicians do not know better than medical providers. Politicians must stop interfering between medical providers and their patients.

Instead of restricting access to a safe and effective medication, lawmakers should be making it easier for Texans to access health care from home during the ongoing pandemic that has cost more than 46,000 Texans their life.

We urge the committee to oppose HB 2337.

Leah Krumholz

Self, Social Media Writer

Austin, TX

This bill is NOT about protecting life; it's about controlling women. Since a fetus is not a separate entity from its mother and cannot sustain life outside of the uterus, it should NOT be granted more bodily autonomy than the mother carrying it, especially in the early stages of development. Just as you cannot force a person to donate blood or organs against their will, even for the purpose of saving another's life, you should not be able to force a woman to carry to term a pregnancy she does not want and/or one that would put her health at risk. I fear for every Texas woman's wellbeing if this bill comes to pass. Instead of criminalizing abortion, which further puts the mother's life at risk if they decide to self-terminate a pregnancy, it would be more advantageous to make access to birth control and sex education affordable and accessible, as doing so would decrease the number of abortions performed.

Marilyn Hartman

Self

Austin, TX

I strongly oppose any abortion law that is more restrictive than what is currently allowed under Roe vs. Wade. The laws being put forth are promulgated by legislators' personal religious beliefs without regard to the personal beliefs or difficult situations of the women or families involved. Government officials have no place in deciding what a woman faces who has to make one of the most difficult decisions of her life. In addition, the beliefs of those pushing these bills are not dictated by science, which indicates that a fetus is not a viable human being until later in the gestation period; there is also evidence that a fetus does not feel pain during the time when a fetus can be legally aborted.

Years ago, a woman who reported to me in the workplace had to make the decision to have an abortion. She and her husband already had two children and knew they could not support another, and yet she found herself pregnant. The decision to have an abortion was jointly made by the husband and wife; this decision was wrenching. This mother had considerable anguish, and yet, for her and her husband, it was the right decision. These decisions are highly personal, but to have made her carry an unwanted child to term is cruel and unusual punishment.

I'm old enough to have been a young woman in the days when abortions were not legal. Women resorted to all kinds of interventions to terminate unwanted pregnancies, including coat hangers, from which many became infected, sterile, or dead. This is not what we want to bring back. Unwanted pregnancies do happen, even with the best preventative measures, not to mention rape, incest and other unsavory happenings in which the woman has no control.

**PLEASE DO NOT PASS THESE RADICAL ABORTION BILLS. YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO FOIST YOUR VALUES AND CONSCIENCE ON OTHERS; THEY HAVE THEIR OWN VALUES AND CONSCIENCE TO GUIDE THEM IN WHAT IS RIGHT FOR THEM. IT IS NOT YOUR BUSINESS, AND ABORTIONS ARE NOT MURDER UNDER CURRENT LAW.**

Donna Lyons, Mrs.

Self

Austin, TX

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Please protect our precious unborn children and vote to protect those who have no voice  
Thank you

Cheryl Cali

Self / homemaker

Victoria, TX

HB 2337 states that the State of Texas has an interest to protect the health and welfare of every woman considering a drug-induced abortion. This bill seeks to protect the mother that chooses to exterminate her preborn baby in the womb like a parasite infestation. Abortion is written in the Texas homicide codes, because it is fetal homicide. This is a bill seeking to make fetal homicide more safe for the perpetrator.

When, where, and how their drugs are dispensed does not defend nor protect the person being killed in the procedure. When you take pills to poison your baby in the womb and carry that dead baby inside of you before taking the pills to force it from the safety and nourishment of your body there will be risks involved. Greater risk I would say for the person dying.

We should not be seeking to make it more efficient and comfortable to kill. This is evil. We have no mercy or compassion for the person who dies, we are just seeking to make this more effortless for the killer while we call ourselves pro-life. If Texas truly sought the health or welfare for women or their preborn babies we would not have abortion.

God forms babies in the womb, they are His image bearers. Not one single baby comes into existence by mistake. They are His handiwork. We are not to be complicit in destroying life, but rather we are love our neighbors, even the tiny pre-born ones. We are to seek the welfare of all, not just mothers that desire to kill. This is a wicked decree, it aborts justice. Please trust in Christ alone and abolish abortion.

Kailea Humphreys

Self

Dallas, TX

I support this bill and ask all members to do the same.

Lauren Oden

Self

Austin, TX

If the "pro-life" senators & representatives actually CARED about lives, they would consider the heartbreaking difficulties and choices that can come with pregnancy.

They'd write bills in support of equal access to mental healthcare and temporary work leave for women who experience the worst news they could ever hear.

They'd stop seeking individual retribution and punishments for abortion providers and their patients, and work toward equal access to contraception and ACTUAL sex education across the state (& I say this as a Texas teacher who taught sex ed).

This bill is unconstitutional, cruel, and unhelpful in terms of lowering abortion rates and I urge the committees and state representatives to consider the actual good of their constituents - not the contents of their uteruses.

Peggy Williams

Self

Cedar Park, TX

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This would insure medical supervision and help with parental supervision.

Pat Williams

Self

Cedar Park, TX

I am for this bill because the dangers of a self-induced abortion are incalculable.

Andrea Ferrigno

Whole Woman's Health

McAllen, TX

My name is Andrea Ferrigno, I am the Corporate Vice President at Whole Woman's Health. I submit my opposition to House Bill 2337. This bill severely limits how and when doctors can provide patients with medication abortion. Medication abortion is extremely safe and effective and gives patients the option to terminate their pregnancies at home or in another setting where they feel comfortable, while still providing them with the medical support and information they need.

Mifepristone is the first of two medications used in a medication abortion (also known as the "abortion pill"). Mifepristone has been safe and legal in the United States since the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved the brand name Mifeprex more than 20 years ago. In April 2019, the FDA approved the first generic form of mifepristone, following a review of the evidence that medication abortion is a safe, effective way to end an early pregnancy — with a safety record of over 99%.

This bill is in direct conflict with the FDA label. In its language it would limit medication abortion to 49 days from a patient's last missed period, which is three weeks sooner than is recommended by the FDA, which is 10 weeks from patients last missed period. This takes away a pregnant person's right to choose an often preferred method of ending a pregnancy.

The bill will punish doctors for following the FDA label and for the evidence based practice of medicine and violations would result in a state jail felony for abortion providers. Tying the hands of doctors and criminalizing them for providing care to the best of their ability that aligns with the latest advancements in science in medicine is cruel and doesn't serve the best interest of abortion patients. For all these reasons, I oppose House Bill 2337.

Ingrid Skop

Charlotte Lozier Institute

San Antonio, TX

Mifepristone blocks progesterone receptors in the uterus, cutting off hormonal support, causing fetal death. For the past twenty years, this medication has been regulated by the FDA's Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS), a safety strategy to mitigate the risk of medications known to be dangerous.

The second medication, misoprostol or cytotec, is given 24-48 hours later, inducing contractions that expel the pregnancy tissue.

Both medications potently suppress the immune system, increasing risk of infection.

Mifepristone also inhibits contraction of uterine blood vessels, predisposing to hemorrhage.

If the pregnancy tissue is not completely expelled, there is an increased risk of both hemorrhage and infection, and this often requires surgical completion.

Biased studies based on poor-quality data, published by the U.S. abortion industry, report low complication rates, but better-quality international records-linkage studies and meta-analyses demonstrate high failure rates of chemical abortion: 5-8% fail in the first trimester, requiring surgery, and almost 40% fail in the second trimester.

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The COVID pandemic has been leveraged to divert women to a riskier abortion procedure. There is no benefit for a woman, however, it takes much longer, causes more pain and bleeding, and results in complications four times as frequently as surgical abortions, affecting as many as one out of five women. These failure rates are not negligible, particularly when medical resources need to be conserved during a pandemic.

Removal of REMS restrictions will allow remote prescribing without a physical examination, ultrasound, or labs. This bill reestablishes supervision of chemical abortion pills.

It requires informed consent from the woman seeking abortion, preventing illicit use by others who may benefit from the loss of her baby, such as sex traffickers, incestuous abusers or coercive partners.

It requires an in-person examination by a physician with accurate documentation of gestational age because underestimation of gestational age will result in far higher failure rates. < 2 percent of chemical abortions fail at < 7 weeks gestation, but this rises to 8 percent by 10 weeks.

It necessitates ruling out an ectopic pregnancy, which is critically important because mifepristone has no effect on a tubal pregnancy, which can rupture, causing catastrophic bleeding or death.

It requires evaluation of Rh status and provision of Rhogam if indicated to prevent a mother from mounting an immune response to her future unborn children. If these recommendations are ignored and isoimmunization occurs 14% of untreated infants will be stillborn and half will suffer neonatal death or brain injury.

It mandates a two-week follow-up visit, so that incomplete abortion or ongoing pregnancy can be diagnosed. Most importantly, it puts an abortion provider on notice that he he is obligated to provide surgical intervention when chemical abortion fails.

June Hallman, Ms

Self

Mesquite, TX

Abused individuals should not to forced to bed next to opposite sex in sleeping areas. Lbq.. whatever should understand they can handle their own business but leave my business alone.

Jill Oliver

Self

Buda, TX

It makes sense that Texas would follow FDA guidelines regarding all medicines, including those used for chemical abortions. Anything else would be reckless.

Jessica Colon

Susan B. Anthony List

Houston, TX

I am grateful for the opportunity to outline this important – and urgent - bill. I am Jessica Colon with Susan B. Anthony List, the nation’s largest pro-life organization . In fact, there are several national groups that have come together to urge states to enhance their chemical abortion protocols.

This is a very timely, important move for the state of Texas to lock in health and safety standards for women’s health.

Chemical abortion now is about 40-50% of all abortions in America. Thirty-nine percent of Texas abortions were chemical abortions in 2019. Chemical abortions increased by 18 percent from the previous year. The year before that, they increased by

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36%:

This new frontier has snuck up on us. And now there's a new threat: the federal FDA regulations on the procedure are at risk of being revoked under a new administration. These are the protocols and safeguards that the FDA under Presidents Clinton and Obama require doctors to use, like some basic health tests and an exam to assure the pills will not hurt the woman before they are given to her.

The irony is that chemical abortion pills are more dangerous than surgical abortion. Women who take the pills are at 4 times greater risk of painful complications; they can get sicker, faster, and many of them may likely end up in your emergency rooms. And if her blood type is Rh-negative and she's not given a shot of Rhogam, her future fertility is at stake. If the pregnancy is ectopic, she's 30% more likely to die after taking the pills.

Still, the abortion industry prefers the pills because it is more lucrative for them. They've been quietly building a whole new business model to target young women where they spend their time – online, on their phones and at school.

There's a sidebar issue that this bill will help regulate that most of us didn't see coming: mail-order or "DIY" abortions over the internet. Women are buying these pills online or they are just given basic instructions by abortion providers on how to take them....without the necessary medical tests to determine whether they are contraindicated for her. Then, she's alone to accidentally take the wrong dose or take them long after the FDA deems they are safe....or.....she's just alone to deal with the horrific aftermath of pain, lots of blood and God-forbid, seeing what's left of her baby..... that would be traumatic for any of us. The reality is that the dorm bathroom has become a new abortion clinic.

Abortion pills are being handed out at flea markets in border towns. HB2337 will help you prosecute bad actors who are covering up sex trafficking and sexual abuse.

Chemical abortion is a risky business. And we are one, bad, bureaucratic decision away from a radical expansion of the abortion industry without the usual medical guidelines.

If political maneuvering overtakes sound medical oversight at the federal level, it will be up to you to protect women.

Tammera Aranda

Self -homemaker

San Antonio, TX

- Pro life legislators. Please hear the cry of the pre born. So this is a bill is to make sure women are safe while they ingest a poison to kill their children? Do you even hear yourselves? This is not pro life. How about we protect the thousands of lives lost through abortion? This bill guarantees the death of another perfectly thriving human being while pretending to care for women? Abortion murders an innocent human being and at the same time corrupts women's souls. If you truly care for women you will stand on the truth. The truth is that this evil of abortion that the State of Texas upholds, is directly against God's will and God's word. It absolutely kills another human being. Please find your courage to stand on truth and tell women "you absolutely will not kill your helpless child that resides in your womb." The pre born are not "pregnancy tissue" they are living human beings and made in the image of God. Please care for women and children and end abortion now in Texas. Ignore Roe and give women a chance to be restored in their hearts. Protect life and give the innocent babies in the womb equal protection and equal justice. Be pro life for the most innocent among us.