

PUBLIC COMMENTS

HB 3760

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH

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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 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 as risk by continuing an

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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 3760. A six week ban would cause harm to Texans, as most people don't know they are pregnant at this time. Additionally, removing exceptions for non-viable pregnancies cruelly endangers pregnant people. And requiring patients to speak to anyone in a CPC is not helpful or informative; the shame and stigma intended by CPC counselors creates delays for people seeing abortions as they are not being given factual, medical information or choices.

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.

Bhavik Kumar

Self

Houston, TX

My name is Dr. Bhavik Kumar and I oppose House Bill 3760. I am a family medicine physician practicing in Texas for over 6yrs now. There is no medical evidence to support this legislation and numerous studies that prove the harm that will be caused if this bill passes. Abortion care remains safe in Texas and throughout the country. My patients deserve autonomy and respect in making decisions arounds pregnancy that are best for them and their families. Please support my patients and leave healthcare to healthcare providers. I urge you to reject this bill and all other bills limiting access to abortion care. Thank you.

Kristin Jensen

Self

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Austin, TX

Much of our population does not believe abortion should be a crime. Please do not interfere with the autonomy of human beings by prohibiting this aspect of personal health and freedom.

Lora Wildenthal

self professor

Houston, TX

Lots of criminal penalties, all intended to make it harder for pregnant women in difficult situations to get an abortion and intended to intimidate abortion providers.

This bill is not helpful or compassionate, nor does it solve a real-world problem.

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.

Marella Marmor, Ms

Self

San Antonio, TX

This bill is not needed. Most Texans support safe, legal abortions. Women will die needlessly, if you do this.

Danielle Lail

self

Austin, TX

I oppose this bill. This will create frivolous and harassing lawsuits against doctors and anyone who helps patients access care.

Jennie Kuzdzal

self / biologist

Houston, TX

My name is Jennie Kuzdzal, and I oppose House Bill 3760.

Pregnancy carries inherent health risks, and no one should be forced to unwillingly endure these. HB 3760 would ban abortions by the time many women realize that they are pregnant and encourage frivolous lawsuits against doctors and helpers. 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 3760.

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Mary Selby

Self

Austin, TX

I am in opposition of HB 3760. Reproductive rights are not to be criminalized. We need to support Texans with more healthcare options and more science based education and resources. Please focus on more important issues at hand and not trying to take away healthcare.

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 compassionate care for those of us already here. We are the ones who need you. Thank you for listening.

Susan Taylor

self

Canyon Lake, TX

HB 3760 / SB 1647 "Omnibus" Anti-Abortion bill: this bill adds additional unconstitutional restrictions, hurdles, and unjust consequences for both patients and medical professionals. This bill will create frivolous and harassing lawsuits against doctors and anyone who helps patients access care. What happened to representing the will of the people and preserving rights? You cannot turn 51% of the population into nothing more than reproductive slaves and claim that you are representing anyone except an overly loud and vindictive group of partisans who have no respect for a Woman's Right to Life as she, herself, decides to live it. Choice of any and all health and reproductive options are rightfully an individual's, not to be stripped by partisanship. Reject this bill and preserve a woman's rights.

Julie Campbell

none

AUSTIN, TX

Homicide, assault, other criminal offenses. For seeking difficult, devastating and life changing decisions between a woman and her family from her physician. Creating criminalized behaviour on the part of health care providers is appalling. Texas once led the nation, now we are trailing- this will take us backward. It will not stop abortions, only legal, SAFE abortions.

Laurie Coffin

N/A

Austin, TX

I oppose HB 3760. HB 3760 is another bill that violates the privacy of Texas women and their relationship with their healthcare provider, and proposes to ban abortions before many women even know they are pregnant.

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,

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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.

Debra Leff

Self

Austin, TX

I am against HB 3760. We need to let women make their own decisions about their pregnancy. Criminalizing her actions is indefensible. These are difficult decisions. This is America, and women come from various religious backgrounds. It is not your job to legislate what she can do with her body. Let us make our own decisions about our pregnancies. This bill is wrong in so many ways. Respect women to make their own decisions.

Natalie Rothen

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 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--a majority of Texans--who oppose political efforts to attack women's health care by diminishing abortion rights and access.

We all know why some politicians want to restrict and eliminate abortion rights and access; those politicians should be clear they

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are acting against women's best interests as well as a majority of Texans' stated beliefs.
I ask you to oppose HB 3760, as well as all other HBs that seek to limit abortion rights and access.

Isabel Ray, Mrs.
self; communications
Austin, TX

I oppose HB 3760. This bill will violate Texans' constitutional rights, create frivolous lawsuits, and make it harder for Texans to access comprehensive healthcare.

I believe, like the majority of Texans do, that abortion must remain legal and safe. I believe that pregnant people don't lose their constitutional rights when they become pregnant. I strongly oppose HB 3760 and urge all members of the committee to vote against the bill.

Kimberly Mull, Mrs
Self/ rancher+ laser tech
San Angelo, TX

I am proud that Texas is considering this bill to help this vulnerable population in our society. I appreciate the effort to protect the innocent unborn while providing care and education for the families.

Please support this bill as it provides care for mothers and their babies. May God bless you. May God bless Texas

Danna Ghafir
Self
Sugar Land, TX

My name is Danna Ghafir, and I am a medical student in Texas, and I OPPOSE HB 3760. 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 3760 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 3760 is an omnibus style bill that adds additional unconstitutional restrictions and hurdles for both patients and medical professionals. This bill requires that abortion providers document that they've received information on giving birth and caring for a pregnancy in the case of a fetal anomaly and criminalize a provider if they don't comply with the state's proposed recordkeeping. This bill is an extreme and dangerous bill that would outright ban abortion in the state before many Texans even know they are pregnant. This bill will create frivolous and harassing lawsuits against doctors and anyone who helps patients access care.

As a medical student with expertise in the science of reproductive healthcare, I urge you to OPPOSE HB 3760, which will prove to be extremely dangerous to the health of Texans, including my future patients.

Kathleen Davis
Self, Office Manager
DALLAS, TX

My name is Kathleen Davis and I oppose bill HB3760. 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

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consideration on opposing HB3760.

Lorri Haden

Self/Retired

Austin, TX

My name is Lorri Haden, I am representing myself, and I oppose HB 3760. The only meaningful way to reduce abortions is to make birth control affordable and widely available, to make quality healthcare affordable and widely available, and to make affordable and available the necessary supports for parents to care for children with complex medical needs. This bill creates unconstitutional restrictions and hurdles for both patients and medical professionals.

HB 3760 also requires that abortion providers document that they've received information on giving birth and caring for a pregnancy in the case of a fetal anomaly and criminalize a provider if they don't comply with the state's proposed recordkeeping.

This bill is an extreme and dangerous bill that would outright ban abortion in the state before many Texans even know they are pregnant. I urge you to vote NO on HB 3760.

Christine Hurley

self

Houston, TX

My name is Christine Hurley and I oppose House Bill 3760. This bill adds unconstitutional restrictions and hurdles for both patients and doctors. There are no benefits to this bill unless you believe controlling a person's reproductive healthcare is a benefit? This bill will create frivolous and harassing lawsuits against anyone who helps a patient access healthcare. Abortion is healthcare. Healthcare is a right. Get over it. Reject this unconstitutional bill.

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?

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.

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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?

Anyhow, y'all are wasting your time. Roe v Wade is still the law of the land.

Crystal Gonzalez

Self - resident of San Antonio, TX

San Antonio, TX

My name is Crystal and I oppose House Bill 3760.

This bill requires that abortion providers document that they've received information on giving birth and caring for a pregnancy in the case of a fetal anomaly and criminalize a provider if they don't comply with the state's proposed recordkeeping.

This bill is an extreme and dangerous bill that would outright ban abortion in the state before many Texans even know they are pregnant.

I oppose House Bill 3760 because it greatly infringes on the right to keep our personal information private.

Christine Middleton

Self Retired

Corpus Christi, TX

This bill would put additional stress on pregnant women who choose to have an abortion, their health providers, and those who help the woman. Choosing abortion is a difficult enough decision without the threat of criminalization.

Michele Scott

Self

Snyder, TX

My name is Michele Scott and I oppose House Bill 3760.

This bill is an omnibus style bill that adds additional unconstitutional restrictions and hurdles for both patients and medical professionals.

This bill requires that abortion providers document that they've received information on giving birth and caring for a pregnancy in the case of a fetal anomaly and criminalize a provider if they don't comply with the state's proposed recordkeeping.

This bill is an extreme and dangerous bill that would outright ban abortion in the state before many Texans even know they are pregnant.

This bill will create frivolous and harassing lawsuits against doctors and anyone who helps patients access care.

I urge you to reject this bill.

Patsy Shero

Self- retired secretary

San Angelo, TX

Please consider supporting house bill 3760. Abortion is a crime against the children, the unborn babies, that are murdered. It is also a crime against the men and women who suffer emotionally when they choose abortion. We can help those children to

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survive and become productive adults. We can help those adults avoid many years of untold grief and guilt by providing other options rather than abortion. We can help them find counseling, or placement for those children if they choose to not keep them. But abortion is not the answer. Thank you for your consideration in this very serious matter.

Ashley Shahan

Self

Fulshear, TX

We need to protect the life of the unborn!!!! It's time Texas takes a stand to protect life and do all we can to protect the unborn!!

Ashley Shahan

DORA VANN

SELF RETIRED

SAN ANTONIO, TX

My name is Dora Vann. This bill is an extreme and dangerous bill that would outright ban abortion in the state before many Texans even know they are pregnant.

This bill will create frivolous and harassing lawsuits against doctors and anyone who helps patients access care. Again I tell you I can make my own choices and would cause severe harm to the doctors and others helping me act on my choice. Please ban this nonsense.

Tiffany Hofstetter

Myself on behalf of Payton Summons

Grand Prairie, TX

Shouldn't Pro-life extend to children with disabilities that doctors say will not have "any quality of life" and decide to end medical care? Shouldn't Pro-life also support any family that wants a hospital to do any and everything to save their child? What about Payton Summons, a 9 year old that was treated like a death sentence to a huge hospital that failed her year after year. What about families that fight against hospitals for ending care because the doctors say there is nothing else they will do? Unborn children are not the only ones being MURDERED.

VANESSA LOZADA

self; healthcare administration

Fort Worth, TX

My name is Vanessa Lozada, and I oppose House Bill 3760. 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.

Rex George

self

FLOWER MOUND, TX

Please set a hearing date for HB3326 (Slaton), the Abolition of Abortion and Equal Protection for the Pre-Born Act before the Public Health Committee. It is time to end abortion in Texas. Texas has the authority to establish laws to end abortion. Pass

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HB3326 or reinstate the criminal law against abortion already in the Texas Penal Code. Respectfully.

Staci Mendelsohn

self

Plano, TX

This bill is an omnibus style bill that adds additional unconstitutional restrictions and hurdles for both patients and medical professionals. This bill requires that abortion providers document that they've received information on giving birth and caring for a pregnancy in the case of a fetal anomaly and criminalize a provider if they don't comply with the state's proposed record keeping. This bill is an extreme and dangerous bill that would outright ban abortion in the state before many Texans even know they are pregnant. This bill will create frivolous and harassing lawsuits against doctors and anyone who helps patients access care.

Tamera Jennings

self

Haltom City, TX

I thank you for the sponsors of this bill looking to recognize the rights of life to the unborn. If we are breathing and present, we have been given the opportunity to be born and to receive care as an infant. Our amazing state had been strong standing when it comes to liberty and health. I ask that you pass this bill so that we can continue to support life as a state and also to show our country that we believe in life. Also, considering that a doctor takes the Hippocratic Oath which states 'Primum non nocere' - 'first, do no harm', seems to me there should be prosecution if one is willing to take a life when his oath is to do no harm. I thank you for considering my comments.

Lori Boyter

Self

Haltom City, TX

Yes! I support this bill.

Theresa Garza, Ms.

self - clerk

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.

Linda L. Kenner

SELF

Richardson, TX

Texas Women deserve the right to make their own healthcare decisions and implement care INCLUDING ABORTION --THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT HAVE THIS POWER NOR DECISION FOR INDIVIDUALS.

Mimi Barreras

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self - teacher

MAGNOLIA, TX

I sorely regret that I cannot be there to testify FOR HB 3760. I testified for this bill in the Senate, but am unable to be there today. I testified FOR PRENDA 2 years ago as well in the wee hours of the morning. I am testifying FOR this bill. I represent myself.

First, I want to apologize for the Abolish Abortion contingent. I am sure you have been told to repent numerous times today. I STRONGLY disagree with their position. I think the way they treat you as legislators is abominable and disrespectful. I regret that I cannot be there to speak to you and treat you in the honorable way you deserve. I also register my disagreement with their position on the treatment of women in abortion. Women should not be punished. Their push for abolishment at the sake of all other pro-life measures is unacceptable.

If I were there today, I would share exactly what I shared to the Senate. About 20 years ago, I reported to my OB/GYN for about an 18 week ultrasound with my 5th birth child. We had hoped to find out that this was a little girl, as we had 4 strapping boys before her. Instead, what we encountered was silence from the sonographer. That is not the norm. We knew something was wrong. We were shuttled from the exam room to another room to await my OB/GYN. When my doctor came in, she shared basically that "everything" was wrong with our little girl, that they expected she had some trisomy and to prepare ourselves accordingly. She offered us the option to see an upper level "specialist," but stated that she knew that we would not take that option because she knew that we would not abort our child. Instead, she offered that we wait a couple of weeks and do another ultrasound. We went home and we researched and we prayed. Everyone around us prayed. We prepared ourselves for what it would be like to raise a child with a chromosomal disorder. And then we went back to have that second ultrasound. Strangely, we ended up with the same sonographer. I know that woman saw us and dreaded what she would see that day. As a rule, typically a sonographer is not supposed to tell you much other than basic anatomical info and is not supposed to disclose issues with a child. That day, this woman began saying loudly, "This is NOT the same baby! This CANNOT be the same baby." And she began to disclose all the things that she saw before that were wrong that were GONE now. Vanished. NO issue. A normal baby. Evidently even the doctor had not disclosed to us the full gamut of the trisomy markers our daughter had had. A miracle!

We honestly waited with baited breath until this child's birth, not knowing if she would be born fully normal. 2 years ago, she testified for PRENDA herself. She is 19 years old, a tall, sassy redhead, a college student, a pro-life leader, and she cannot testify for you today herself because she is district staff for a House member.

Please send HB 3760 to the floor for a vote.

Elisa Gonzalez

Self

Corpus Christi, TX

This bill requires that abortion providers document that they've received information on giving birth and caring for a pregnancy in the case of a fetal anomaly and criminalize a provider if they don't comply with the state's proposed recordkeeping. This bill will create frivolous and harassing lawsuits against doctors and anyone who helps patients access care. It will contribute to a vigilante mentality in those who don't agree with and insist on relinquishing the rights of doctors and interfering with the rights of patients to make decisions about their circumstances.

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

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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 3760. 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 3760, as this is an extreme and dangerous bill that would outright ban abortion in the state before many Texans even know they are pregnant. Additionally, this bill adds additional unconstitutional restrictions and hurdles for both patients and medical professionals, such as that it requires that abortion providers document that they've received information on giving birth and caring for a pregnancy in the case of a fetal anomaly and criminalize a provider if they don't comply with the state's proposed recordkeeping. This bill will create frivolous and harassing lawsuits against doctors and anyone who helps patients access care. 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.

Kimberlyn Schwartz

Self - Nonprofit communication

RICHMOND, TX

I am registering in favor of HB 3760.

Brandy Chambers

Perkins Coie

GARLAND, TX

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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.

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 3760. This bill adds additional unconstitutional restrictions and hurdles for both patients and medical professionals and has no basis in medical need or public good. This government overreach will create frivolous and harassing lawsuits against doctors and anyone who helps patients access care. This is a waste of taxpayers' funds and our legislators' time that should be spent helping Texans address real problems. I urge you to reject HB 3760.

Maureen Powers

retired

Austin, TX

I oppose this bill because it imposes horrific penalties on women/girls who have the unfortunate experience of an unwanted pregnancy. Women/girls are the best situated to know whether they should take a pregnancy to term. The decision should be between them and their healthcare provider. End.

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?

Lauren Fazio

Self

Austin, TX

My name is Lauren Fazio, and I oppose House Bill 3760. As a proud Texan and US citizen, I value the ability to make choices related to my own body and my own family planning. We in Texas value the ability to make choices that benefit our households

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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. The addition of unnecessary barrier to women making informed choices about their bodies will increase injury and/or death to women forced to take matters into their own hands. We cannot allow unsafe procedures to occur when we have such a robust and advanced medical field available to Texans - barriers to accessing safe medical care for women should be rejected and viewed as predatory and discriminatory. We should invest our tax dollars 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 3760.

Karen Wells

Self

Houston, TX

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This bill will create frivolous and harassing lawsuits against doctors and anyone who helps patients access care.

Katie Palin

self, cashier

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.

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.

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.

Brenda Mondragon

self/unemployed

HOUSTON, TX

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Katie O'leary

Self

Irving, TX

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Lucy Wimmer

Self

AUSTIN, TX

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Andrew Perretta

N/A

Schertz, TX

Hello. My name is Andrew Perretta. I'm a voting constituent in Guadalupe County. I oppose HB 3760. 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.

Noah Koon, Dr

Self - OBGYN

Dallas, TX

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As a Dallas Physician advocating for my patients and your constituents

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Piper Madland

Self

HOUSTON, TX

I strongly oppose this unconstitutional bill. It is an extreme and dangerous bill that would outright ban abortion in the state before many Texans even know they are pregnant.

This bill will create frivolous and harassing lawsuits against doctors and anyone who helps patients access care.

Natasha Rappazzo

Planned Parenthood Greater Texas

Arlington, TX

My name is natasha rappazzo and i oppose hb 3760. This bill is an extreme and dangerous bill that is aimed to create unconstitutional restrictions and hurdles for both patients and medical professionals. this bill would cause public health crisis upon public health crisis. abortion is an essential part of healthcare, no bill can change that. people will always need to access abortion and the state needs to stop hurting texans. oppose hb 3760

shamyra coleman

Planned Parenthood of Texas

shiner, TX

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Barbara Garbacz

Self - retired

Dallas, TX

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Marie LeBlanc

self, program director

Austin, TX

My name is Marie LeBlanc and I opposed House Bill HB 3760. 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 would create unnecessary barriers for women accessing the health care they need to make the decision that are right for her. This bill is an extreme and dangerous bill that would outright ban abortion in the state before many Texans even know they are pregnant. This bill will also create frivolous and harassing lawsuits against doctors and anyone who helps patients access care.

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 the health care they need.

Madelyn Morneault

self

Austin, TX

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Amber Donley

Self

Dallas, TX

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This is a direct attack on women's right because abortion rights are women's rights! I strongly encourage you to oppose this bill!

Sonya Roberts

Self (Occupation: Manager)

Austin, TX

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self

San Antonio, TX

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Ollie Miles

self

Sugar Land, TX

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Reginald Currie

Self

Fort Worth, TX

We must protect the most vulnerable and smallest of our Creator's children! For when we do He promises to protect us! Our State, our families, our children, our grandchildren. God's promises never fail!

Karen Thompson, Mrs

Self Retired Registered Nurse

Murchison, TX

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When I was young I was actually raped and held against my will by an ex boyfriend. At this time I was actual married and my husband was in Iraq, I eventually got away from my attacker, I was beaten every day and terrified for my life, and I was pregnant and believe I would lose the child and I prayed to God to save me and the child I carried. I lived and escaped and I didn't want to keep his child because I felt like it would cause problems between me and my husband and I didn't know if I could look at the baby and not see my attacker either so as soon as I found out the baby was healthy I found a couple for the baby. Today I talk to my daughter and she is surprised that I can look at her and not feel hatred, but I tell you that if she wasn't here that all I would feel is emptiness. She is beautiful and she is wonderful and she had nothing to do with the ugliness that occurred. She wasn't at fault so why would I punish her! And that is exactly what you are doing when you abort a fetus you are judge jury and executioner for an innocent

Elizabeth McCleary

Self, Registered Nurse

Austin, TX

Save the babies!!

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. - Psalm 139:13-16

Franz Guenther

Self Warehouse Associate

Lubbock, TX

Please stop this evil!! Abortion is murder plain and simple.. Follow the science they say, well it's a little person from inception and that's science. Why can't we follow that? Please stop abortions!!

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?

Jane JarmekClark

law firm

Arlington, TX

I support HB3760 by Oliverson and would ask that you take seriously this bill and vote in favor of its passage.

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Sharon Matthews

self/ CPA

Round Rock, TX

I believe that the life of an unborn child is a real, and as human as my own. These unborn children deserve the chance of life that their creator gave them. It is not our place to deny them this gift of life. Please protest those who are the most innocent of our society. I pray that this Great State of Texas does what is right and leads the effort to stop the killing of our unborn children. Thank you for reading my short, but concise plea in favor of this bill.

Donald Kippenberger, Dr

Self Toxicologist

Schertz, TX

Support bill

Glenda McKinney

Texas Right to Life

Austin, TX

I do not believe in abortion. I believe a fetus is a life at conception.

TAMARA SUMMERS

Self, Project Manager

Joshua, TX

Life begins at conception. Abortion is murder. Ripping an unborn child from the womb is barbaric. We must find other solutions to unexpected pregnancies.

Just as we are all being asked to help children from across the border why are our own preborn children being destroyed? This country is becoming unrecognizable.

Ernest Trevino

Self- Firefighter/Paramedic

Sinton, TX

I support the bill that defends the life of the unborn baby. It has been proven scientifically that life begins with conception. Our society must protect the sanctity of life which is given to all by our Creator, God. This is not a debatable issue. We cannot submit to the culture that continually places themselves before God. We cannot submit to a culture that denies logic and truth. We cannot submit to a culture that is all about themselves. We cannot submit to a culture that tries to control thought with violence or threats of violence. The only way to stop this downward spiral of society is to speak and stand for the truth, no matter what feelings are hurt. America is destroying itself from within and God is allowing since we have taken Him out of the American life. As legislators, you have assumed a great responsibility as leaders and decision makers for our great state of Texas. Your decisions will be judged by God. Therefore, do what is right and protect the innocent lives of the unborn through law and protect your soul. That is true love.

Donna Basham, Ms.

self

Arlington, TX

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When I was 22 I became pregnant while taking birth control pills. I was four months along and went the doctor who let me know I was pregnant when he came in the exam room and looked at me. He was my doctor I had been seeing about a stomach ulcer months before. I had no idea I was pregnant. I had been taking pills with hormones that I thought might have hurt my baby. I was afraid. My boyfriend, Father and step mother all said I should get an abortion. My step sister had already had one and everyone seemed to agree that I should do it too. I never ever considered doing such a thing even though the pressure was strong . I don't believe that women usually make the "choice" to have an abortion without pressure. I believe strongly that women should know things, like when their baby is viable so they can make an informed decision. Aren't we all supposed to have that information? The medical profession is asked to do that for any other "procedures".

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.

Kathryn LeLeux

self/disability

Cypress, TX, TX

HB 3760 by Oliverson Abortion should be illegal because it is against God's commandment "Do not kill". Life starts at conception.

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.

Carol Hurley

Self

Conroe, TX

I believe we as Americans have murdered children in the name of convenience. We must rid our country of abortion and find ways to help women keep their babies or find someone to love them.

Noel Madland

Self, student

Houston, TX

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Adrienne Nisbet

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self/ teacher

San Antonio, TX

My name is Adrienne Nisbet and I oppose House Bill 3760. This bill will create frivolous and harassing lawsuits against doctors and anyone who helps patients access care. We should be ensuring that women can get safe abortions instead of putting up hurdles for that may lead to unsafe, at home abortions. This bill is an extreme and dangerous bill that would outright ban abortion in the state before many Texans even know they are pregnant. Please reject HB 3760.

Mitchell Nisbet

Self, biologist

San Antonio, TX

Hi my name is Mitch Nisbet and I oppose HB 3760 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.

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.

Renee Croy

Self

Tomball, TX

The state of Texas should protect the lives of the unborn. Abortion is a crime against both God and humanity.

Evelin Garcia

self

Kyle, TX

My name is Evelin Garcia, and I oppose House Bill 3760.

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.

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Madeline Hill
Texas Right to Life
The Woodlands, TX

I support the bill ending abortion because women deserve better. All lives matter and are sacred.

Sabina Madland
self, student
Houston, TX

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Jamie Hillin
self
Austin, TX

I am writing to beg, ask and demand the 87th Session to advocate for life-saving legislation protecting all Texans from fertilization to natural death. Especially, 1) abolish discriminatory abortions motivated by the sex, ethnicity, or disability of the child and the remaining late-term abortions, 2) abolish elective abortions after twelve weeks when the preborn child's heartbeat is detectable by the most common methods, and 3) abolish every remaining elective abortion in Texas. Thank you!

Evelin Garcia
self
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Stan Schwieterman
Frontier Communications
Richardson, TX

Vote Pro-Life.

Brian Rogers
self, computer programmer

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Farmers Branch, TX

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Dorothy Smith, Mrs

Self

Nacogdoches, TX

We must protect those innocent victims who are
Created by 2 humans so they are human and
Should never be subjected to murder in the
Name of convenience and unlawfully ripped from
Their place of safety they deserve protection under the law as much as any other citizen our great state

Amanda Bennett

Self; project manager

Austin, TX

I oppose HB 3760 and urge the committee to vote against this bill. HB 3760 starts off strong, requiring that pregnant people receiving devastating diagnoses receive comprehensive information about perinatal palliative care. Pregnant people should always have all the information about their options at every stage and condition of pregnancy. However, HB 3760 goes on to remove an option from pregnant people: the option to terminate a pregnancy once they get devastating news about their baby. I encourage you to read some of the stories on endingawantedpregnancy.com before voting for this bill. Carrying a fetus that is incompatible with life is not only emotionally traumatizing to many people, but also dangerous - it can carry extreme medical risk. Pregnancy can be wonderful and exciting, and it can also be dangerous and scary. Only allowing abortion to save a woman's life requires doctors to make horrible decisions about just how sick someone needs to be in order for their abortion to be allowed. Is it once sepsis is predicted? Once sepsis happens? Once a woman enters into septic shock, with only a few moments left to save her life? People will die when doctors aren't allowed to act based on medical best practices. Pregnant people need to have all pregnancy options available to them, including terminating a pregnancy.

Janelle Le

self / full-time university student

Houston, TX

If you cannot protect life at its beginning, how can you protect life at any other stage? When lives do not matter at the very start, how can anyone truly believe that their life or the lives of others matter to the very end? Being truly pro-life means advocating for respecting life at every stage and recognizing that all of that cannot happen without respecting life at its beginning first.

Our world is already so broken and we will not fix said brokenness by ending lives prematurely. Choosing life will save the world.

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 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. Prosecuting women for seeking medical care for their reproductive health is archaic and pushes women into a

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subservient position regarding their own body.

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!

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.

archie e groff, mr

self

houston, TX

i am in full support of this bill and will support those who vote for it. i am 100% pro life!

Blair Wallace, Policy & Advocacy Strategist

ACLU of Texas

Houston, TX

Written Testimony Against House Bill 3760 by:

Blair Wallace

Policy & Advocacy Strategist

American Civil Liberties Union of Texas

Dear Chairwoman and Members of the Public Health Committee:

HB 3760 is an unconstitutional omnibus anti-abortion bill that does the following:

- ? Ban abortion based on the alleged reason for having an abortion;
- ? Remove the severe fetal anomaly exception to the 20-week ban;
- ? Ban abortions when a cardiac activity is detectable, which typically is around 6-weeks gestation. This ban would go into effect on either September 1, 2023 or the 91st day after the Attorney General certifies that a Court of competent jurisdiction says it is constitutional;
- ? Ban abortion outright on either September 1, 2025 or the 91st day after the Attorney General certifies that a Court of competent jurisdiction says it is constitutional;
- ? Creates several criminal penalties and allows for civil lawsuits to be brought against providers, sometimes by anyone in the state of Texas--regardless of their affiliation with the patient.

HB 3760 would be an unconstitutional hindrance to a woman's access to abortion care in many ways. The bill would ban abortion

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based on a woman's reason for seeking one—at any point in pregnancy, in clear disregard of the decades of precedent protecting every woman's constitutional right to access abortion prior to viability. In states that have tried implementing reason based abortion bans, it has led to costly litigation and those challenges have been successful. The Supreme Court ruled in *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* that until the point when a fetus can survive outside the womb, or viability, the state cannot block any woman from accessing abortion care. This bill violates this constitutional requirement.

The Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals has found a similar law unconstitutional stating: “The non-discrimination provisions clearly violate this well-established Supreme Court precedent, and are therefore, unconstitutional. The provisions prohibit abortions prior to viability if the abortion is sought for a particular purpose. These provisions are far greater than a substantial obstacle; they are absolute prohibitions on abortions prior to viability which the Supreme Court has clearly held cannot be imposed by the State.” *Planned Parenthood of Indiana and Kentucky, Inc. v. Commissioner of the Indiana State Dep't of Health*, 888 F.3d 300 (7th Cir. 2018). Similar laws in Ohio and Kentucky have also been blocked from going into effect due to court challenges.

This bill is a combination of several of the bills being heard in committee today including HB 1515, HB 1280 and HB 3218. For more detailed explanation of each provision within this bill, please see the written testimony the ACLU of Texas has submitted for those three bills.

Charlotte Fiehn

Self

Cypress, TX

I strenuously oppose HB 3760. This bill is an omnibus style bill that adds additional unconstitutional restrictions and hurdles for both patients and medical professionals. This bill requires that abortion providers document that they've received information on giving birth and caring for a pregnancy in the case of a fetal anomaly and criminalize a provider if they don't comply with the state's proposed recordkeeping. This bill is an extreme and dangerous bill that would outright ban abortion in the state before many Texans even know they are pregnant. This bill will create frivolous and harassing lawsuits against doctors and anyone who helps patients access care.

Women are entitled to safe abortions and should have this right unrestricted until at least the end of the first trimester. Any attempt to restrict a woman's rights in this regard is a gross demonstration of sexism and a violation of a woman's human rights and constitutional rights. I urge the immediate rejection of HB 3760.

Virginia Webb

Self

Frisco, TX

In 1954 my mother became pregnant. She was 16. She attempted to abort her pregnancy two times. She was unsuccessful and I was born May 24, 1955. I have had a good life that I wouldn't trade for anything. To think that my life was almost terminated is shocking to me. I only found this out 20 years ago at the age of 45. It has disturbed me ever since. My mother has no remorse or regrets for what she attempted to do. To this day she stands by what she attempted to do because she feels it was her right. She's pro-abortion and I am pro-life. She feels like her life was short changed. I feel like her life was enriched by me, my brother who came after me and the grandchildren we gave her. I cannot imagine another scenario where none of us existed. Please protect life. All life is important. I was meant to be. God wanted me here.

Briana Martinez

Self, student

Alamo, TX

My name is Briana Martinez and I oppose House Bill 3760.

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

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pregnancy. The trouble that medical professionals are threatened with for trying to help a patient are frivolous and unnecessary. If you care about Texans, you will defend a person's right to safe access to abortions and a medical professional's right to perform them.

Sandra Barnes

Texas citizen

Quinlan, TX

Stop abortion

Tammy Emmons, Mrs

Self. Retired.

Moody, TX

My personal belief is that abortion is the equivalent of murder. If a person is not prepared to be a parent there are forms of birth control that could be utilized or abstain from having sex. Knowing that a pregnancy can result even if protection is utilized it should not be a death sentence for an innocent unborn child. The morally correct response is to either embrace the change and become a responsible parent or opt for adoption.

A human is declared dead when their heart stops beating. A unborn baby should be declared a human being when their heart begins beating. If a baby dies in the womb it is determined to be dead because of the lack of a heartbeat. If a pregnant woman is attacked or murdered and her baby dies as a result, the charges for that crime includes the death of that unborn child. Obviously, the baby is a person and deserves protection.

The hypocrisy of referring to abortion as a woman's right is ridiculous. If there is a heartbeat that is an indication of life. That unborn baby being denied his or her right to life should be protected. Furthermore, why does the father have zero input regarding abortion? Where are the rights of the unborn? Where are the rights of the father?

The abolishment of abortion is an important issue that I sincerely hope you will support.

I truly believe that our nation has been desensitized to the horror of the senseless murdering of the unborn, aka abortion. Sadly, many people are more concerned over protecting sea turtle eggs over human babies. With abolishment, and time, perhaps priorities will become better focused and sensitivity will become a virtue again.

Thank you for your time,

Tammy Emmons

Mark Lindskog

Self

Frisco, TX

I support the bill ending abortion because EVERY life is protected by the constitution with the right to live and EVERY life is precious.

Guy McCord

Self

Irving, TX

I wholeheartedly endorse TRTL position on this bill

Ashley Werner

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Self

Houston, TX

I oppose HB 3760 because incriminating women and potentially charging them with homicide due to a medical procedure is absurd and I humane. Oppose HB 3760.

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

Elizabeth Davison

Self

Weatherford, TX

I am against HB3760. This unrighteous decree is an abysmal combination of other evil legislation. Abortion is still allowed for any reason and any gestation, as long as your ludicrous requirements (loopholes) are met. Do what's right and stand for truth against murder of our preborn Texans. Support HB3326.

Aides Diaz

Abby Johnson

Allen, TX

42.6M and counting abortions or murders of human beings in the womb in the world performend in 2020 ALONE. That surpasses all other causes of deaths. Abortion is murder it is anti God and needs to come to an end especially in this country and the world.

Mellie Lindskog

Self

Frisco, TX

I support the bill to ban abortion. When society legalizes the killing of its most vulnerable - a Baby- it leads that society to an ugly place - a society that values murder over life. When society rally's around supporting it's most vulnerable it leads society to value the saving of life and that is a beautiful place to be.

Neil Miggins

Self

Houston, TX

I strongly support this bill which will help to end abortion in Texas. Thank you! Neil Miggins Houston, TX

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David Garcia
Self
Kingwood, TX

Please support any bill to end abortion. Abortion takes the lives of innocent children. How can we say that we stand for “Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness” when we allow life to be taken away from the most vulnerable. We are able to assess what a living organism is biologically and we can without any doubt prove that what is in the womb is a human person with its own DNA, blood type and characteristics. They are simply at a different stage of life, just as my 7-year old is in a different stage of life than my 22-year old, each with its own characteristics and capabilities.

Barbara Sargent
Retired/Self
El Paso, TX

HB 3760/ SB 1647: Omnibus Anti-Abortion Bill

This bill is an omnibus style bill that adds additional unconstitutional restrictions and hurdles for both patients and medical professionals.

This bill requires that abortion providers document that they’ve received information on giving birth and caring for a pregnancy in the case of a fetal anomaly and criminalize a provider if they don’t comply with the state’s proposed recordkeeping. This bill is an extreme and dangerous bill that would outright ban abortion in the state before many Texans even know they are pregnant. This bill will create frivolous and harassing lawsuits against doctors and anyone who helps patients access care.

Carmen Vargas
Vargas Insurance
Houston, TX

Please note: a young woman is so vulnerable during a pregnancy. She doesn't comprehend the damage she is doing to her body, nor the harm to her subconscious. The long term effects for the mother, once she realizes she murdered her own baby will linger indefinitely.

Jocelyn Rigel
Self
Garland, TX

Hello, my name is Jocelyn Rigel and I oppose HB 3760.

This bill will create frivolous and harassing lawsuits against doctors and anyone who helps patients access care. Texas prides itself on being a state where self reliance is applauded, but in passing this bill we are becoming a nanny state and costing taxpayers unnecessary dollars to doubly enforce regulations that are already in place as patients are already required to go through counseling and a 24 hour wait period. Please oppose HB 3760.

Jocelyn Rigel
Self
Garland, TX

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Betty Vacek, Mrs.

Self retired teacher

Taft, TX

Please support this and any bill that would ensure the life of all children before their birth and put an end to legal abortion. Science has proven that children in the womb are living, breathing babies who feel pain. Please celebrate life rather than killing lives.

Timothy Ackerman, Mr.

Self

College Station, TX

It is our duty to protect all lives as important and precious especially those of the unborn children - we must be their advocates. Please help us make laws to save our unborn children from being aborted. I have seen so many women that have had abortions, and later regretted their decision to the point of depression. Also, I have met many women that have chosen to keep their baby, and have said they are so glad they decided to keep their precious baby. This is not only the best decision for the unborn baby, but for the mother's post decision betterment.

Angela Ward

Self

San Angelo, TX

I am for HB 3760. Please help put a stop to killing innocent lives of the unborn children. What if we could have cured cancer, or Alzheimer's or Type 1 diabetes but instead we killed the baby who was created for such a purpose? We possibly could have cured millions or we could have done many other great things, but instead we chose murder. I am saddened to think of the lost lives and the heart broken mothers who made a choice based on fear or rejection instead of hope. Let's change the future and give every unborn child the chance to be loved, to dream, to cure disease, to become something great and give their mother the chance to not be tormented and heartbroken for life over a decision made, that if against the law, she probably wouldn't have made. Save lives by saying no more to abortion.

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.

Nathan Brown

Sidewalk Advocates for Life (Denton)

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Bartonville, TX

I support this bill ending abortion and euthanasia. I believe that a human life begins at conception. If it is growing, then it is alive, it is not a choice. It is estimated that nearly 3000 babies are murdered in the womb every day in America! According to the Bible, John the Baptist was filled with the Holy Spirit while still in his mother's womb and he leapt for joy when in the proximity of Jesus, who was a zygote at the time. These babies in the womb were alive! Had they been aborted, there would never have been John the Baptist or Jesus, the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! Please support this bill and help end abortion and euthanasia!

Ron Farace

Self

Kingwood, TX

I support the passage of this bill. Life is a gift from God, not to be ended by humans. Abortion is a terrible abomination which is an offense to God. Our culture has manufactured rights and placed those false rights above God himself. We now find it acceptable to sacrifice a defenseless baby on the altar of convenience, money, power, and greed and mask that evil by calling it "women's rights", or "healthcare." Most of the victims are unwanted babies, African American, girls, and most while there is a clear beating heart. This bill is aimed at ending abortions which are discriminatory, elective or are after detection of a heartbeat. It is hard to believe legislation is even needed for this, since murder is already a crime. Abortion must be ended and this bill must be passed.

Regards

Grace Brown

Self

Bartonville, TX

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Karen Eudy

Self

Royse 2, 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.

MARY BAUER

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SELF/ VOLUNTEER RETIRED REGISTERED NURSEww

CORPUS CHRISTI, TX

IT IS A SIMPLE FACT, KNOWN FOR AGES, AND EVIDENCED BY SCIENCE, THAT A PREGNANCY HARBORS A LIFE, INNOCENT AND VULNERABLE, A BABY.. THIS BABY NEEDS OUR PROTECTION. THIS BABY NEEDS A RIGHT TO LIFE, JUST LIKE YOU AND ME. AS A NURSE IN THE LOCAL PREGNANCY CRISIS CENTER , , WATCHING AND PERFORMING ULTRASOUNDS ON PREGNANT MOTHERS, I WITNESSED AGAIN AND AGAIN TNIS PROOF OF LIFE ON THE SCREEN. IT IS AMAZING! OFTEN A TRANSFORMATION CAN OCCUR WHEN A WOMEN FIRST SEES HER BABY. EVEN FOR THOSE WHO ARE TROUBLED AND IN CRISIS. THIS CRISIS SENDS THE WOMAN INTO PANIC MODE. ABORTION DOES NOT SOLVE HER PROBLEM, AS IN MOST CASES, THE WOMAN REGRETS IT. HELPING EACH WOMAN BY SHOWING HER OPTIONS FOR FINANCIAL AID AND OBSTETRICAL CARE,AND OTHER FUTURE ISSUES, DEMONSTRATES OUR SUPPORT FOR NER AND HER BABY. LET US HELP THEM BOTH! PROTECT LIFE!

Megan Brannen

ACLU/AVOW/Sunrise/AllyTees/ConcernedCitizensEverywhere

Austin, TX

My name is Megan Brannen and I STRONGLY OPPOSE House Bill 3760 / SB 1647.

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.

This bill requires that abortion providers document that they've received information on giving birth and caring for a pregnancy in the case of a fetal anomaly and criminalize a provider if they don't comply with the state's proposed recordkeeping. It is an extreme and dangerous bill that would outright ban abortion in the state before many Texans even know they are pregnant. I want access to abortion because without it I may die, and I'm not sure I even want to try to become pregnant in a state where abortion is illegal because sometimes it is necessary to save a woman's life. If you're pro-life, you're pro-abortion -- otherwise, my life, and the life of all Texas women who want to carry safe pregnancies to term, means nothing to you.

I strongly urge you to REJECT this legislation.

Frank Netscher

Self

AUSTIN, TX

Vote NO on anti-abortion House Bills 1280, 1515, 2337, 2313, 3218, 3760. I am contacting you because I am very concerned

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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

Hollis Martinsen

Martinsen Family

PEARLAND, TX, TX

What is liberty and the pursuit of happiness without the protection first of LIFE. Our state and country goes to extreme measures in efforts to protect lives, but that is only if you are old enough to have been born and living for a while. The baby in the womb is just as alive and human before birth as after birth. The reality of the extremes of denying basic truths of many in our society has to be put to an end. There is no justification of taking the lives of unborn babies (or newly born, unfortunately, in many cases as Planned Parenthood looks to make more money by selling baby parts that MUST be taken from LIVE babies!) . Enough is enough. We have to stand up to the lies and defend the lives of the little ones who need us the most.

I support this bill and ask all those voting on it to do the right thing and pass this bill to help turn our great state back to caring and protecting its citizens and trying to do the best possible to the killing of the innocent.

Holli Tennison

Self

Flint, TX

I would have liked to be there with you in person to give my pro life testimony. Unfortunately, my husband thinks it is too dangerous for me to go to our own state capital! I had also planned to bring my 81-year-old mother who is another pro life voter. How did we get to this place in the great state of Texas that a middle-aged woman and her elderly mother are fearful to visit their own state capital?

Could it be that the respect for life has continue to decrease since the passing of Roe Vs Wade?

If the most vulnerable amongst us is left unprotected, none of us are safe.

You may be an elected official who does not see an unborn child as a living person who needs protection. If that is the case, I would ask, what do you think you were before you entered the world? With your own heart rate, possibly an different blood type than your mother's, reactive to familiar sounds, and even move to avoid any intrusions to your safe temporary home, you then enter the world with those same characteristics. You were just as human before your birth as afterwards. You deserved respect and protection just as every single unborn baby deserves respect and protection.

I, Holli Tennison, humbly ask that each of you consider the pro life bills that will be coming before you. With the passing of these bills, you elected officials could become the catalyst for bringing respect for all lives across our United States of America! Even the entire world would be affected if you bring respect and honor back for all human life.

Please, I beg of you to truly consider the great good you could do by passing each of the pro life bills.

Thank you for your service.

With great respect,

Mrs. Holli Tennison

Kate Harslem

SELF

Austin, TX

SO NOW YOU WANT TO ATTACK THE DOCTOR TRYING TO HELP THE WOMAN IN ADDITION TO THE WOMAN GETTING HELP? WHEN WILL THIS MADNESS END??

THINK ABOUT YOUR DAUGHTER. SHE NEEDS AN ABORTION. DO YOU FEEL GOOD ABOUT TEXAS GOING AFTER THE DOCTOR TRYING TO HELP YOUR DAUGHTER? KNOWING THAT DOCTOR COULD GO TO JAIL AND BE FINED AFTER HELPING YOUR DAUGHTER. THIS IS YOUR DAUGHTER. YOU WANT WHAT'S BEST FOR HER BECAUSE YOU LOVE HER. WHY WOULD YOU WANT TO HURT TWO PEOPLE WHEN YOU COULD VOTE NO ON THIS BILL AND SAVE TWO PEOPLE?

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THIS IS NOT OKAY. DOCTORS DO THEIR JOBS TO HELP PEOPLE. BY ATTACKING THEM AND CRIMINALIZING ABORTION MAKES THE PROCESS OF HELPING WOMEN THAT MUCH WORSE.

YOU LITERALLY HAVE NO SOUL IF YOU THINK THIS IS OKAY. THE DOCTOR IS JUST DOING THEIR JOB.

DO YOU KNOW HOW LONG IT TAKES TO KNOW YOU'RE PREGNANT? IF YOU MAKE THIS BILL GO THROUGH, YOU'RE STOPPING ALL LIFE. WE WILL NEVER BACK DOWN FROM WHAT IS RIGHT AND THIS IS JUST PLAIN WRONG.

THINK ABOUT YOUR DAUGHTERS, WIVES AND MOTHERS.

Sharon Mineo

Self

Austin, TX

I strongly oppose this bill. Women deserve health care based on science, not politics.

Denise Gordon

Self/Clinical Social Worker

Round Rock, TX

Public Health Committee Members and Reps Oliverson and Schaefer: Once again, the sponsors and co-sponsors of HB 3760 and 3218 are trying to regulate women's bodies and choices by legislating criminal penalties for performing abortions. There are some short, useful sections to these Bills, but they are overridden by the criminal penalties that can be brought by anyone!

This is not frontier justice; this is the TX Legislature trying to impose their will on medical practitioners and limit a woman's choice in TX. Have any of you who sponsor these Bills ever had to deal with the devastation of learning that your fetus is medically unviable or has a catastrophic condition? Palliative care is appropriate, but NOT legislated by the State of TX.

Stop being hypocrites and pretending that you care! Stop trying to penalize medical providers who actually are trying to help women who request abortions as opposed to all of you who only want to pretend to care!

Help those living in TX by expanding Medicaid and properly funding our schools. Offer free and widely available birth control. Provide appropriate funding to public agencies to pay therapists living wages so therapy is available to all who need it. Offer free, optional decision-making counseling exploring all options and stop trying to criminalize those who try to assist women in the name of justice and self-righteousness. Those of you who consider yourselves Christians or even of faith ought to be ashamed at even considering this legislation.

Pass Legislation that is needed in TX, stop wasting your time and our taxpayer's money by considering unnecessary and restrictive legislation that is harmful!

HB 3760 and 3218 must be defeated!

Nancy Williams, Ms

Self. Retired teacher/librarian

Lubbock, TX

I support restrictions and/or prohibition of abortion.

Joan Dodson

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Self

Weatherford, TX

Please reject continued regulation of abortion and immediately hear HB3326 which would completely abolish abortion in Texas.

Emily Jebbia

self

New Braunfels, TX

I believe that we need to do all that we can as a country to provide the greatest protection for the least protected among us -- the child in the womb.

Genni Pereira, Mrs.

Self

Keller, TX

It is high time we in Texas stood for life and led the country in prolife laws. There should be no pandering around by law makers so that in the end they can say they TRIED, but not really. Pass this prolife bill and get on with your other duties. The country needs Texas to lead!

Krecia Lowe

None

Little Elm, TX

I strongly support this bill.

Jill Groff

self

Houston, TX

I support HB 3760. We must respect and protect life at all stages, especially the most vulnerable. I urge passage of this bill.

Jennifer Maxwell

Self

League City, TX

Abortion effects women on such a deep level, 1 in 3 women of child bearing age have had an abortion. It is not Health Care and it is not a 20 minute procedure that makes your problem go away. That is a lie.

Women want and deserve the truth about abortion.

I lead an abortion recovery class for women and every class is unique. The age, race, religion, education, social economic class of the women are always different. Their stories of how they got to the place that they felt abortion was their only option are filled with lies they were told from abortion clinics, media, and the culture.

While ever woman has a different abortion story, they all share a common thread of guilt and shame and the trauma from abortion has affected every area of their life.

The pain from abortion is seldom spoken about and women suffer in silence for years thinking they are the only ones.

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Earlier this year I led a class and the youngest woman in class was 56! Think about that, she carried the pain of abortion for over 35 years!

I have had women in class that have had an abortion because of rape and also for genetic problems with the pre born baby. They suffered, they had deep regret and guilt. We all know taking innocent life is wrong. The culture and abortion clinics try to sell the lie that abortion is health care, and it is a women's right.

Abortion is big business and it is about the money. Abortion clinics never offer a choice.. they only offer an abortion.

Every women towards the end of class always ask why didn't anyone tell me the truth? Why?

I personally have walked the road of abortion, I have placed a child for adoption and I am a wife and mother of 3 children.

I can personally tell you the difference between abortion and adoption. One is a terrible secret the other is a beautiful story.

Abortion deeply hurts women and kills an innocent baby.

Women deserve the truth.

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.

Linda Graf

Texas Right to Life

Dallas, TX

I know we are all created equal in the eyes of Almighty God. I know because He created us. The sanctity of life, all life, is seen as pleasing to God and should be to all of us.

Abortion is nothing more than a modern day Holocaust. If we Texans, do not see life as God does...His beautiful creations, He will judge our nation as He is now doing. He will not hold back His wrath forever.

I have spoken to many women who have had abortions. They cannot get over it, they cannot forgive themselves and they live with this guilt every day. I can only speak out on their behalf, that if they had been informed and seen the baby, they would have kept the baby.

However, we all know that screening and modern scientific technology was not available to many women back in the days of early abortions. But now we have everything we need to scientifically prove that a baby is a life at conception. I don't understand why we are even having this conversation. An animal has babies and nobody considers it not a living being. Please, please vote to overturn abortion while we can and while God still has some favor over our land. I am praying for you to do the Godly thing - to protect life in the womb. Thank you!

Brenda Frank, Retired teacher

Self

Tomball, TX

Dear Representatives,

My name is Brenda Frank and I am writing to express my opinion on HB 3760. I am FOR this bill that supports three major pro life policies. Please vote Yes for this bill.

Thank you,

Brenda Frank

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Michele Vecseri

Self, housewife and musician

Houston, TX

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I believe life begins at conception and there is a person growing inside a mother once she conceives. It is a criminal act to kill a living person who is defenseless. There are many people who cannot have children who love children who would be happy to adopt the children who are not wanted by the mother. We need to stop abortion now and save our future generation.

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 decisions I as a woman should make with my doctor. I strongly oppose House Bill 3760. 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.

MICHAEL ONEAL

self

Tyler, TX

The life of a person is determined at first heart beat. Abortion is the taking of an innocent life.

Susan Massey

Self, small business owner

Houston, TX

My family, neighbors and all Texans deserve a better option than abortion when faced with a crisis pregnancy. Intentionally ending a life in the womb is not a solution, rather it is a further complication of a terrible symptom of a broken society. As long as it remains inked in our state law, it will continue to be used to abuse the mothers, fathers, babies and families, leaving little incentive for development of true, useful, loving options that uphold the dignity of every human Texan. I ask you to vote to abolish abortion in Texas and give us a chance to be better at caring for the neediest among us.

Anna Langdon, Mrs

Self

Melissa, TX

Unborn children feel pain at 12 weeks after conception. It could actually be sooner; this is just what scientific research has proven. End the pain and suffering of millions of unborn Texans. Stop the pain and regret of abortion after the fact for the parents.

James Herblin

self

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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".

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

Della Clark

GAWTP, Tyler, TX

Tyler, TX

We spend a lot of money prosecuting murderers but we condone murdering unborn babies! Why is one life more than another? Who knows but what the next Einstein may be eliminated before he/she can become all they can be? This cannot be allowed to continue in our beloved FREEDOM-founded nation? Our forefathers (who had many children) valued each child that came into their family! Can we do less? This madness must be stopped!

Isabelle Moro

self

DALLAS, TX

Please vote to support the 4 critical pro-life bills that protect vulnerable patients and preborn children.

Harriet Ristevski

self

Plano, TX

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I support all of the pro-life bills!

Linda Magid

Self

San Antonio, TX

Please do not consider this bill. It is another assault on a legal health care procedure meant as a roadblock, not as a good faith effort to help women. Texans need your attention on real health crises like access to affordable health care, rural hospitals, and COVID-19 vaccinations.

Rachel Gollay

self

Fort Worth, TX

I strongly oppose HB 3760 and urge lawmakers to do the same. This bill is an extreme and dangerous bill that would outright ban abortion in the state before many Texans even know they are pregnant. This bill will create frivolous and harassing lawsuits against doctors and anyone who helps patients access care.

Phyllis Duzan

Self

League City, TX

I oppose!

Mary Walther

Self

Houston, TX

OPPOSE - this is wildly attacking women and their rights.

Jana Colgate

self

Center Point, TX

I oppose this bill.

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

I'm opposed to any government intrusion into patient healthcare choices. Healthcare choice is between the patient and healthcare professionals.

Tricia Krenek, Mrs.

Self/Attorney

Fulshear, TX

The greatest possibility of prolife legislative success lies in the proper sequence and logical order of legislation focused on protecting and supporting women and all preborn Texans. The people of this great state deserve to have public debate on the three significant prolife policies presently before this committee: preNDA; Heartbeat Act, and the Abolition Act. The time is now for Texas to be a strong advocate for our most vulnerable and lead the prolife movement by taking bold and strategic steps to end elective abortion in our state and permanently close deadly loopholes in our current legislation. This goal is achievable through deliberate and purposeful staggered enactment legislation that sets up the framework for considering constitutional questions. As proposed, HB 3760 will codify all three aspects of abolishing abortion without igniting an "all-or-nothing" legal battle nor requiring Texas to accept a "wait-and-see" approach dependent on the U.S. Supreme Court. The staggered enactment approach allows and encourages the development of much-needed case law that will ultimately define the contours of the constitutional protections afforded to all preborn Texans. Texas can and must lead the way in challenging erroneous abortion legal framework adopted by the U.S. Supreme Court. Texas has tragically fallen behind in defending and protecting innocent human life, and as a result, thousands of preborn Texans' voices have been silenced. Texas can change its downward trajectory and once again become a champion of the preborn. There are no legal shortcuts in dismantling the deadliest decision in all of American jurisprudence. Discourse in the public square and our courtrooms is inevitable. We must approach the restoration of state's rights in a carefully calculated manner—step by step. This omnibus bill creates much-needed constitutional consideration logically and methodically. First, Texas must enact, enforce and defend the PreNDA to force the U.S. Supreme Court to build a court record defining whether states have a right to protect children before viability. A decision on this particular constitutional question will lay critical and necessary foundation for Texas to successfully enforce and defend the broader measures of the Heartbeat and Abolition bills which are also codified upon approval of this bill and effective in an incremental fashion. This staggered enactment design is critical to equip the Legislature and the Texas Attorney General with the opportunity to adjust their strategy in response to an unfavorable court ruling and continue the constitutional conversations can continue. Your vote in favor of HB 3760 can advance the war against discrimination, support life-affirming policies, and unequivocally confirm every person's dignity and civil rights as worthy of equal protection under the law—born and preborn alike. HB 3760 is Texas' pathway to being a leader in defending and protecting innocent preborn Texans.

Jeana Nam

self, counselor

Houston, TX

I oppose House Bill 3760. As someone who has had an abortion and now offers pregnancy options counseling to people who are in crisis pregnancy situations, I know how stressful and dehumanizing it is for pregnant Texans to have to deal with medically unnecessary and politically motivated hurdles to getting the care they need. This bill would only increase those hurdles and create more opportunities to criminalize health care providers.

Laura Braley

Self

Plano, TX

Please make all abortion and practices related to abortion illegal in our state

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Doris Spraggins

Self

Fredericksburg, TX

I support HB 3760 .

Linda Hart, Ms

self

Galveston, TX

I am in full support of this bill to end abortion because I believe in the sanctity of life. I worked for many years for the State of Texas Health Department in a county's family planning clinic. The number of women who used abortion as a means of birth control was both heartbreaking and astounding! Although they were offered birth control pills and condoms free of charge, they chose to simply abort when they got pregnant! There are innocent lives taken every day that were created by God with a purpose. A purpose that will never be fulfilled because it has is forever been lost in the womb! If these children are unwanted, there are hearts full of love just wishing for the gift of a child. Instead of ending a life, why not focus our minds and energy on enhancing the adoption process.

Lyndsi Lambert

Self

Austin, TX

I oppose HB 3760.

This bill requires that abotion providers document that they've received information on giving birth and caring for a pregnancy in the case of a fetal anomaly and criminalize a provider if they don't comply with the state's proposed recordkeeping.

This bill is an extreme and dangerous bill that would outright ban abortion in the state before many Texans even know they are pregnant.

This bill will create frivolous and harassing lawsuits against doctors and anyone who helps patients access care.

I urge you to reject this unconstitutional legislation.

Arun Welch

self

Missouri City, 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.

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Susan Markus

Retired

Austin, TX

I oppose this bill. Women have a constitutionally protected right to choose how we live our reproductive lives. The state should not interfere in our personal medical decisions. Focus on effective sex education and making birth control readily available instead.

Petra Weldes, Rev Dr

CSLDallas, A Center for Spiritual Living

Dallas, TX

Please stop attacking women and abortion rights. You have no right to stand in the way of a woman's freedom and ability to choose. Abortion is a difficult enough decision without politically motivated state interference. This bill requires that abortion providers document that they've received information on giving birth and caring for a pregnancy in the case of a fetal anomaly and criminalize a provider if they don't comply with the state's proposed recordkeeping. This bill is an extreme and dangerous bill that would outright ban abortion in the state before many Texans even know they are pregnant. This bill will create frivolous and harassing lawsuits against doctors and anyone who helps patients access care.

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.

Steve HOWARD

Self

Grapevine, TX

A society will be judged by how it treats its weakest members.
There are none weaker and more vulnerable than the unborn.
Please, please, please support HB 3760.
Thank you.
Steve Howard

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.

Don Spraggins

Self

Fredericksburg, TX

I support HB 3760.

Maggie Adams

Self, stay at home parent

Nacogdoches, TX

Oppose. Only women and their healthcare providers should be able to make decisions regarding medical procedures. Restricting women's access to abortions puts their lives at risk by taking away their right to choose safe and necessary medical care.

Jon Speed, Rev.

First Baptist Church of Briar

Azle, TX

I am the Pastor of Missions and Evangelism and an elder at FBC Briar in Azle, TX. I am the co-producer of the documentaries on abortion called Babies Are Murdered Here (2014) and Babies Are Still Murdered Here (2019). I went viral in 2019 when I shut down my used book store for the day after New York State passed the Reproductive Health Act and appeared on Fox and Friends (twice), Hannity and Beck. I am a co-founder of the new, upcoming faith based streaming service called LOOR.tv.

I rise to testify AGAINST HB 3760. Abortionists have long ago found ways to get around ultrasound requirements in the State of Texas. Amanda Kreuger, a former medical assistant at Whole Woman's Health in Fort Worth, quit last fall and did a video interview with me on Apologia Studios. She testified that the equipment in that clinic is old and they needed to order Doppler audio equipment to meet the Texas regulations, but it has NEVER BEEN OPENED. It's still in the same boxes it came in. Obviously, WWH is not planning on observing any regulation regarding ultrasounds in Texas. You can see the interview we did with her here: <https://www.facebook.com/ApologiaStudios/videos/3329795300673502>. Any ultrasound\heartbeat bill is unenforceable in Texas or anywhere else.

We also documented this in Babies Are Still Murdered Here. At the 31:00 mark you can see Sarah Cleveland, a registered ultrasound tech in Ohio, demonstrate HOW the techs manipulate the wand on the machine to distort the images and how they can avoid sharing the heartbeat while obeying the heartbeat laws. The link is here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9-vyYE6C8MU>. Abortionists have no financial motivation to obey these regulations and they DO NOT.

This bill, and many others that are being considered in this legislative session, are unenforceable and cannot do what they claim.

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They are not much more than virtue signaling.

In the meantime, the State of New York--which has no pro-life regulation--is showing declining numbers in real abortions than the State of Texas. How is this possible without pro-life regulations?

The answer lies in the rise in chemical abortions that can be procured online and emergency contraception which is available in almost every pharmacy and big box retailer in Texas and New York. It's similar to the Uber and Lyft influence on the taxi cab industry. It's not that people aren't using other people's vehicles to get to the airport. It's that they're using a different industry. The declining numbers in recent years are likely attributable to these other sources, but since they do not publish statistics there's no way of knowing exactly the impact. However, you can deduce that the availability is massive and therefore indeed does have an influence.

It's time to stop regulating abortion and it's time to really (really) abolish it. The only bill this session which does that is Slaton's HB 3326. This bill is a self contradictory mess.

Heidi Gordon

Self / None

League City, TX

Oppose. Keep abortion legal and safe.

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.

Marc Pitts

Self

Flint, TX

My name is Marc Pitts and I strongly support HB 3760 by Rep. Oliverson. We need to defend the sanctity of human life and protect Texans from predatory companies that profit on the blood and tears of babies, women, and men. Abortion should be unthinkable in the State of Texas! This bill deserves a vote on the House floor and final passage into law.

Joni Silva

Media Partners

Houston, TX

Entering the Nazi Germany territory with this bill. In a state that loves freedom from Government interference, this stands against everything a Texan is. Oppose this bill.

Mark Ramsey, P.E.

self / engineer

Spring, TX

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Committee Members:

I support HB 3760 by Rep. Oliverson. No child should be murdered...whether disabled, with or without detectable heartbeat, or any other reason. Medical understanding--the "SCIENCE"--is clear that after fertilization there is a separate human person growing in their mother's womb.

In the Greek New Testament (Greek of course being a much richer and more descriptive language than English), there is no distinction between the word used to describe the unborn baby John (who leaped in Elizabeth's womb), and the word used to describe the ALREADY born baby Jesus in the manger in Bethlehem. The Greek word (brevfoß, transliterated as brephos), according to Strongs Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible, is used for both born and unborn children:

Definition:

an unborn child, embryo, a foetus
a new-born child, an infant, a babe

A person's a person no matter how small.

Thank you.

Blessings.

Mark

Mark S. Ramsey, P.E.
2020 Electoral College Member
Texas Tech University Distinguished Engineer
Chair, 2020 RPT State Legislative Priorities Committee
Chair, 2018 RPT State Platform and Resolutions Committee
Chair, 2018-2020 SREC Legislative Priorities Committee
Chair, 2014-2016 SREC Resolutions Committee
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Katrin Young
Myself
Magnolia, TX

I testify in favor of this bill. I represent myself.

If only planned, convenient, easy and perfect babies are worth the choice of life- then all of us would fall short of that standard. None of us would exist under those terms.

God is the author of all life and only He gets to decide when to give or take away.

Emily Domaschk
Self, audit and compliance manager
Elgin, TX

My name is Emily Domaschk and I oppose HB3760 / SB1647.

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This bill intends to ban abortion in Texas through unconstitutional hurdles for both doctors and patients. It would subject doctors who are providing health care to women to criminal and civil actions. It would ban abortion before many women even realize they are pregnant, much less have had time to schedule an appointment or receive any diagnostic results.

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.

Soraya Dadras

Whole Woman's Health Alliance

Austin, TX

Soraya Dadras, MPH

OPPOSING House Bill 3760

My name is Soraya Dadras, MPH, and I am a Clinic Director at Whole Woman's Health Alliance (WWHA). I submit my opposition to House Bill 3760 because it unconstitutionally targets abortion care in ways that ignore the health and well-being of Texans. House Bill 3760 is an omnibus anti-abortion bill that seeks to rob people of their freedom and right to choose what is best for them, their families, and their futures.

Under this bill's language, abortion would be banned in Texas with few exceptions before most people know they're pregnant. It would subject medical professionals to criminal and civil penalties and disciplinary actions for providing abortions, which medical professionals agree is safe and effective way to terminate a pregnancy. It would force anyone seeking abortion care in the state to receive biased, medically inaccurate counseling from crisis pregnancy centers (CPCs), which are funded by the state. This bill would also create a database of every person who sought abortion care in Texas, which is a violation of patient privacy. The statewide database puts people at risk for exploring all their healthcare options.

Bills like House Bill 3760 are put on the books to wage a war against abortion care, criminalize providers for providing quality abortion care that aligns with the latest medical advancements, and makes patients fear possible repercussions for seeking out abortion as a valid healthcare option. Texans deserve better and that is why I oppose House Bill 3760.

Elizabeth Andress

Self

Houston, TX

I am a Texas resident and voter, and I am in full support of HB 3760 by Oliverson.

I volunteer at a pregnancy center. Seeing what I have witnessed from the moms and the babies coming in for care, I have no doubt there is life in the womb from conception, and we must protect it at any cost.

I have witnessed ultrasounds that show babies at 2nd trimester with their feet, fingers, and heartbeat. These are human beings, and abortion is murdering them.

We need to protect the vulnerable in the womb. Please protect these babies their right to life.

Plamena Petrova Petrova

self

League City, TX

Oppose!

Samantha Cox

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Self

Port Arthur, TX

Greetings, I am testifying against HB 3760 which is being proposed by Oliverson. As a woman who is nearly 20 weeks pregnant, I can assure you that regulation is not what we need. Women have plenty of information about Perinatal care both online and within a medical facility. While prohibiting abortions that are discriminatory is a nice gesture, it does not do the job. What is the definition of discriminatory? Deaf, Blind, Paralyzed, Developmental Difficulties, etc? What abortions does this bill allow vs not allow? Instead of supporting this bill, you could support a bill that does away with all abortions. HB 3326 rids Texas of abortions permanently and draws a line in the sand, not unlike how we drew a line in the sand at the Alamo. In remembrance of the Alamo, lets support HB 3326. "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." In remembrance of God and His law, lets support HB 3326. Instead of allowing the pro life movement to make money off the backs of dead babies, you could end the practice forever. Thank you.

Carrie Salazar

Abolish Abortion Texas

Ft Worth, TX

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Jessica Rauch

Self, Stay At Home Mother

Amarillo, TX

My name is Jessica Rauch and I oppose House Bill 3760. I personally oppose this bill because this bill is an omnibus style bill that adds additional unconstitutional restrictions and hurdles for both patients and medical professionals. It is already difficult to procure an abortion in Texas and this bill would make it all the more difficult, it disproportionately affects people of color and people without the means to travel out of state to get a medical procedure. This bill requires that abortion providers document that they've received information on giving birth and caring for a pregnancy in the case of a fetal anomaly and criminalize a provider if they don't comply with the state's proposed record-keeping. This bill is an extreme and dangerous bill that would outright ban abortion in the state before many Texans even know they are pregnant. This bill will create frivolous and harassing lawsuits against doctors and anyone who helps patients access care. I care about abortion access for many reasons, but as I mother who has carried a very high risk pregnancy, I know the risks involved in carrying a pregnancy to term as well as the high risks involved in childbirth (Texas is the 8th highest in maternal mortality & morbidity). Texans have the right to choose. I oppose this bill because this bill adds additional unconstitutional restrictions and hurdles for both patients and medical professionals and I urge you to reject this legislation.

Dana Epley

Self

Houston, TX

Opposed!

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Brandi Trevino

Self

Katy, TX

Oppose

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 3760 because it unconstitutionally targets abortion care in ways that ignore the health and well-being of Texans. House Bill 3760 is an omnibus anti-abortion bill that seeks to rob people of their freedom and right to choose what is best for them, their families, and their futures.

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Barbara Dearman

Self

Plano, TX

Oppose

Grace Phillips, Ms.

Self

San Marcos, TX

I do not support the termination of life. Ending the life of a baby should be a criminal act both by a doctor or parent. This should be a criminal offense. Life is sacred and in other aspects of our society the ending of life is murder. As a Texas resident I do not support the ending of life.

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?

Stephanie Villanueva (she/her)

self - public health graduate student

Cypress, TX

My name is Stephanie Villanueva (she/her), and I oppose House Bill 3760. 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 3760. 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.

Courtney Chambers

self - public health professional

Austin, TX

My name is Courtney Chambers, MPH and I oppose HB 3760. This is an extreme and dangerous bill that is a continued attempt to ban abortion in the state of Texas. It is cruel and bad for public health and for the well-being of Texans.

Hannah Thalenberg

Self, abortion funder

Houston, TX

My name is Hannah Thalenberg, and I oppose House Bill 3760. This omnibus anti-abortion bill is not only unconstitutional, but also extremely harmful to people like me, who need this essential health care in order to build the lives they want for themselves, and the abortion providers, loved ones, and community members who support them.

A number of years ago, I had an abortion six weeks into my pregnancy. I was fortunate to get an appointment at my local abortion clinic only days after finding out that I was pregnant. Under HB 3760, even this would have been too late given the cardiac activity of pulsing cells in my uterus (because an embryo the size of a lentil does not have a heart). This bill is extreme and dangerous in that it would outright ban abortion in the state before many Texans even know they are pregnant. Most abortions can't happen even at 6 weeks' gestation like mine did because of the time it typically takes a person to become aware of a potential pregnancy, confirm the pregnancy, consider their options, schedule the medical procedure, and comply with the numerous existing restrictions, including a 24-hour waiting period, on abortion in Texas.

As someone who proudly helps people in my community overcome financial and logistical barriers to abortion access, I also take issue with how HB 3760 would create frivolous and harassing lawsuits against doctors and anyone who helps patients access care. Perpetuating stigma and empowering those who already harass and threaten abortion providers, patients, and volunteers goes against this committee's directive to promote public health.

HB 3760 is also callous in its requirement that abortion providers document that they've received information on giving birth and caring for a pregnancy in the case of a fetal anomaly and criminalize a provider if they don't comply with the state's proposed record-keeping. This only serves to shame and stigmatize later abortions during a time when a pregnant person may already be experiencing unspeakable grief and create medically unnecessary barriers to the provision of abortion care.

Furthermore, HB 3760 is blatantly unconstitutional. This bill will open our state up to expensive and time-consuming legal challenges, which is a slap in the face as too many Texans are still recovering from the devastation of a winter storm during which the state apparently couldn't afford to keep actual children from freezing to death.

Once again, because all Texans deserve to be able to affirm, care for, and make decisions for their bodies, families, and communities, I urge this committee to vote against House Bill 3760.

Sandra Alexander

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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.

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.

Amelia Long

Self, nonprofit employee

Austin, TX

I am a Texan against HB 3760. 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. If you can't understand why abortion is necessary, you need to spend more time listening to constituents who can explain it to you. These are real people's lives, stop treating them like political footballs.

Bettie Forman

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Austin, TX

Strongly oppose!!

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.

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Austin, TX

Strongly oppose, as a Jewish women and a Texas voter.

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Rachel Pothier

Self

Plano, TX

My name is Rachel Pothier and I oppose House Bill 3760.

I personally oppose this bill, as it essentially outright bans Texas citizens from receiving life-saving abortion healthcare. Texas women deserve the right to bodily autonomy and making their own healthcare decisions, without the interference of the government.

This bill creates unnecessary hurdles to healthcare providers trying to serve the Texan public, and criminalizes abortion providers that don't comply to the state's restrictive record-keeping. This bill is extreme and dangerous, essentially banning abortion healthcare for women and setting up doctors for frivolous lawsuits (when they should be spending their time serving the public, not fighting harassing lawsuits in court).

Safe and legal abortion access is important to me, as a young Texas woman. I should always have the right to make my own medical decisions, without the interference of the state government in controlling my body, as well as the bodies of other Texas women.

I urge you to reject this legislation. It is cruel and serves a specific agenda, rather than aiming to genuinely reform healthcare to make it safer and more accessible.

Gyla Fowler, Ms

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Austin, TX

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Renee Roth

Self

Tyler, TX

Oppose

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Julie Grimstad, Mrs.
Healthcare Advocacy & Leadership Org.
Bedford, TX

I support this bill.

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 and onerous bill.

Elizabeth Stryk
self
Irving, TX

I support the bill ending abortion. All life is sacred and should be protected. Abortion is not pro-woman, and only enables the terrible cycle of oppression of women. The abortion industry abuses women- they do not report statutory rape, incest or sex trafficking. Please vote to protect life!

Isabelle Headrick
self, student
Austin, TX

I oppose HB 3760 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. It has no place in the state of Texas.

Branda Thomas
Decatur Matting and Framing
Decatur, TX

I am strongly in favor of passing this bill.

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 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.

Sharon Krumholz
self, retired
Austin, TX

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

Tory-Kristen Collins

self

San Saba, TX

Abortion is not a victimless crime. Someone must defend those who cannot defend themselves and all pre-born children are innocent no matter how they were conceived.

Alisa Staib

self/ Self Employed

TYLER, TX

Please vote to pass this bill to protect the unborn children. I was a 20 year old pregnant college student in 1981. I was afraid, living off my student loans and terrified to tell anyone that I was pregnant. I went to an abortion clinic in San Antonio. Fear was the emotion front and center in my mind and I did what many students choose to do instead of self evaluating my decisions that brought me into the abortion clinic, I simply chose abortion. It was legal and I was afraid. In my heart I knew it was wrong but my fear is what I listened to. It didn't take long before everything in my life started to fall apart. I mean, if you are capable of terminating your own child's life because of fear.....you are capable of anything.....and what lurks in the depths of your heart and mind is a self loathing and hate that cannot be measured only hidden as it eats you alive. Your body-your choice is a lie. Abortion is a lie. That your child is only a lifeless clump of cells is a lie. That it is ok for you to choose yourself over the life of your child is a lie. Roe v Wade is killing the unborn and the living. We must put an end to the lies we are telling the future parents. Life is precious and beautiful and unique and there is help for anyone who finds themselves pregnant and afraid. Please stand for truth and pass the legislation that ends abortion. Thank you.

Deabra Gallagher

Self

Graford, TX

Life begins at conception. Please support all bills to restrict and end abortion. Abortion is not medically necessary. Get PP out of Texas. Get them out of our schools.

David Garcia

Self

Kingwood, TX

This is killing innocent children

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

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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.

autumn keiser

self. Director of Marketing and Communications

Austin, TX

I am writing in opposition to HB 3760. Abortion is a constitutionally-protected form of healthcare that here in Texas is already subject to some of the most stringent regulations and legislation in the country. Medically-unnecessary and stigmatizing legislation creates barriers to safe, legal abortion that disproportionately impact people of color, low-income Texans, and rural Texans. Access to healthcare should not depend on where someone lives or whether or not they can afford to travel and obtain that healthcare. This bill is written to appear pro-woman and anti-violence, but as a longtime advocate for women and children who have experienced abuse or violence, I know that this bill simply trades on the shock value of that violence to establish legal language helpful to extremist abortion regulation that in effect hurt and imperil far more women and children. If the state of Texas were looking for solutions to protect women and children from violence in good faith, it would not need to be tied to anti-abortion legislation. Please oppose this bill and instead direct additional funds to reproductive healthcare and victims' services funds.

Carol Cage, Ms.

Self

Springtown, TX

Because it is wrong to kill innocent babies.

Lisa Tolhurst

self/RN

Dickinson, TX

Oppose

Betty Taylor

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

Jerry Rubli

Self, real Estate Agent

Spring, TX

Please pass this bill and get it out of committee.

Jerry

Deborah Roberson

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Self-- mental healthcare practitioner

Pflugerville, TX

I am in OPPOSITION to this bill.

DO NOT SIGN.

James Apple

Self

Kemah, TX

NO, NO, NO! Against.

Kathy Turner

self, retired

McGregor, TX

I support this bill and urge you to report it favorably out of committee. Thank you for holding a hearing on this bill.

Brittany Greece

Self

North Richland Hills, TX

My name is Brittany Greece and I oppose House Bill 3760. Abortion access should be available with no restrictions. Abortion is healthcare.

Kelly Le

Self, Student

Houston, TX

My name is Kelly Le and I strongly oppose House Bill 3760.

This bill is an omnibus-style bill that adds additional unconstitutional restrictions and hurdles for both patients and medical professionals. If your goal as legislators is to reduce abortion rates and support the livelihood of Texans, HB 3760 will not achieve it. Texans who truly believe in personal liberty should support a future for healthcare where every Texan can safely and legally access necessary medical services for their specific, personal needs. Abortion access matters in taking care of Texans. I stand in support of my sisters, neighbors, friends, and women all across Texas, and I am also in support of our healthcare providers who should be able to practice a full range of healthcare services to adequately take care of their patients. I urge Texas legislators to do the same and reject HB 3760.

Shari Davis, MS

NCJW

Austin, TX

Oppose

fred campbell, Physician

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UT Health San Antonio

SAN ANTONIO, TX

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

Melissa Cook

Self

Tom Bean, TX

I am in favor of this bill because it should not be legal to kill any person, no matter their location -womb or born, in Texas. Texas should be bold and take the step of protecting life. Texas should be a voice for the unborn.

Brendan Kennedy

Self - Student

Austin, TX

I oppose HB 3760 and all efforts to restrict a woman's right to choose.

Elizabeth Graham, Director

Texas RTL

Bellaire, TX

Please pass! Thank you.

Adrian Metzger

self

Luling, TX

I support this bill. It is appalling to me that Texas would allow late-term abortions or even abortions based on race, gender, etc. This is the life of a child not a shopping trip on Amazon where buyers remorse is but an click away.

Adrian Metzger

self

Luling, TX

I support this bill, and if no other pro-life legislation gets through this session's gestational period, this one should. Let's stop using avoidance and show the nation Texas is ready to stand up for the most helpless of society, the unborn.

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. Do you think In-Vitro Fertilization is murder? If you truly believed life started at conception and this was murder why do you never oppose the zygotes that are discarded for that. Because you have a bias that relies on unscientific studies and you advocate for a fetus only

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because you know a clump of cells can't fight back against your nonsense claims.

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 3760: Combines 6-week ban, removal of exception for non-viable pregnancies, and requiring patients speak to crisis pregnancy centers (CPC). Texas is a Democracy. HB 3760 is the autocratic imposition of unreasonable medical protocols upon a woman who has decided to terminate her pregnancy. Texas has no governmental interest in the private decision(s) of a pregnant woman regarding her reproductive choices - rather Texas would be engaged in the imposition of medical decisions based upon third person's religious beliefs. Further it would seek to criminalize a medical decision. Vote NO!

Karen Kerr

Self -Retired

Katy, TX

No abortions for people simply wanting to use it as a method of birth control. Use contraceptives, not murder.

Eva Bonilla

Self

Fort Worth, TX

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

Eva Bonilla

Self

Fort Worth, TX

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Laura Payet

self-legal writer

Austin, TX

This bill is an omnibus style bill that adds additional unconstitutional restrictions and hurdles for both patients and medical professionals. It will create frivolous and harassing lawsuits against doctors and anyone who helps patients access care, and criminalizes a provider's failure to comply with state record-keeping requirements. Once again it inserts the state between a woman and her doctor, does nothing to protect women's health, and simply distracts from the real problems Texans face that they

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need their legislature to address.

Sarah Payet
Self, Student
Austin, TX

Misandry has never been a real issue, but if I work hard enough, maybe that will change.

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.

Tonya Cauduro
Self - small business owner
Lewisville, TX

I oppose House Bill 3760 because women must have the right to choose what happens to their own bodies. Please reject this legislation!

Ricardo Martinez
Self
Austin, TX

I oppose HB 3760. This bill is an omnibus style bill that adds additional unconstitutional restrictions and hurdles for both patients and medical professionals.

This bill requires that abortion providers document that they've received information on giving birth and caring for a pregnancy in the case of a fetal anomaly and criminalize a provider if they don't comply with the state's proposed recordkeeping. This bill is an extreme and dangerous bill that would outright ban abortion in the state before many Texans even know they are pregnant. This bill will create frivolous and harassing lawsuits against doctors and anyone who helps patients access care.

Shonda Rodriguez
Self, pharmacist
Lubbock, TX

I am completely opposed to abortion and support this bill

Alheli Harvey
self/ doctoral student
Austin, TX

Again- another bill that is pretending to be something other than what it is: a baseless, unconstitutional infringement seeking to

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expand punitive measures that criminalize women and providers. This bill represents nothing but ongoing violence and discrimination toward women by regulating their bodies in the disguise of a moral argument. 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. This is one of six bills that all do the exact same thing: promote dangerous lies to undermine and control women.

Eleanor Darragh

Self...retired

Houston, TX

Please pass this bill.

brian rogers

Law Office of Brian J. Rogers

Friendswood, TX

This is bullshit. No. Oppose it.

Sheereen Ibtesam, Miss

Progress Texas

Fort Worth, TX

Abortion is safe.

Abortion is necessary.

Abortion is a right.

Abortion is health care.

Stop your unconstitutional bill nonsense.

Roe v Wade is settled law.

You cannot make woman's right to choose what she wants with her body a crime.

It's women's bodies women's choices.

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

I oppose this regulation

Amanda Ortiz

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Planned Parenthood

Austin, TX

I OPPOSE criminalizing abortion at all, regardless of pregnancy stage. 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 oppposed

Kat Beam

Self

Wimberley, TX

My name is Kat and I oppose House Bill 3760. 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. A bill such as this, will turn an already heartbreaking situation into one of complete horror. To threaten a doctor and/or family with criminal offenses listed in these bills is depraved. 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. 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.

Mabel Terminel

Self

El Paso, TX

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

Amy Clark

Self, consultant

Three Rivers, TX

I would like to register my support for HB 3760 and respectfully encourage its passage out of this committee.

Hannah Stewart

Self, teacher

Stafford, TX

I stand with life! I support the Bill ending abortion. The blood of the innocent cries out!

LeRoy Whitman

self / Bible Translator

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Denton, TX

I am AGAINST this bill, first, because criminalization of killing a child of any age or any hypothetical health condition is necessary to uphold the Right to Life that is _recognized_ (not granted) by our foundational law, the Declaration of Independence.

I am against this bill, secondly, because it is not practical. With all due respect, it is a mere political showpiece. And that is because all anyone has to do to still abort the child is for the woman or abortion mill personnel to Not say it is because of a test that showed possible disability of the growing child on the form. She can, for example, just go to a different facility, not mention anything, and kill it for no reason.

The issue is the inherent Dignity of human life, which the state has an interest in protecting. Government is to FOCUS upon Ending Innocent Bloodshed.

What's at the top of GOD's agenda?

Stopping the shedding of innocent blood.

The first thing He told Noah, the 8 adults out of the ark in a new world, was Genesis 9:5-7. To preserve family by stopping innocent bloodshed VIA GOVERNMENT.

He hung up His "war-bow" (the Hebrew Word) of universal judgment, and put "the sword" in the hands of Humankind, so we had to learn to do justice. This is all in His mercy.

The reason government exists - God's stated, fundamental purpose for putting "the sword" (limited community government) into the hands of Humankind - is to punish those whose hands shed innocent blood, in order to not just avenge a wrong, but to restrain evil by a supernatural function of God-ordained civil government (limited from a centralized Babel, and Focused to certain ordained - specified - functions).

We must abolish abortion, and charge abortionists with a capital crime. Preserving human life from those who would intentionally shed blood is the very first principle of law, and the very foundation of human government.

margaret burke

self, venue manager

austin, TX

I STRONGLY OPPOSE 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.

Ana Rodriguez

Self

Houston, TX

My name is Ana Rodriguez, I am submitting written testimony against HB 3760.

HB 3760 is an extreme and dangerous bill that seeks to completely eliminate access to abortion and force anti-abortion

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politician's personal beliefs on all Texans as soon as anti-abortion extremists unjustly erode our constitutional protections.

By September 2021, HB 3760 would ban abortion based on the state's assumption about a person's private decision making and force Texans to carry an unviable pregnancy until they miscarry. It would ban abortion in the state when cardiac activity is detectable before many Texans even know they are pregnant at around 6 weeks gestation by 2023 or as soon as this is deemed constitutional, and it would ban most abortion in Texas by 2025 or as soon as federal protections are struck. Additionally, it would subject doctors to criminal and civil penalties and disciplinary actions for providing safe and effective healthcare. The combination of the policies makes it clear that the goal of all of these individual policies is to end access to abortion care, regardless of the impact on Texans.

Deciding whether and when to become a parent or to carry a pregnancy to term is one of the most important decisions we make.

The state cannot be the arbiter of whether a person's reasons for seeking abortion are worthy or justified. People seek to end their pregnancies for any number of reasons and the state is not entitled to know or judge those reasons. Bans based on the alleged reason a person decides to terminate a pregnancy are wrong. Additionally, bans that prohibit abortions or the provision of information on abortion services in cases of fetal diagnosis, restrict patients' ability to make decisions that are best for themselves and their family.

The ban on abortion when cardiac activity is detectable, typically around 6-weeks gestation, would happen before many Texans even know they are pregnant. Navigating the existing barriers would make it virtually impossible for Texans to access abortion care before 6 weeks. That is clearly the goal.

Finally, the outright abortion ban that would make virtually all abortions illegal in Texas as soon as constitutional protections are eroded, makes the goal of all the other bans clear. The abortion ban would be so extreme and cruel that it would force people to carry a pregnancy until they miscarry, and makes no exception for the life of the patient if the patient becomes suicidal due to an unwanted pregnancy.

Not only does this extreme abortion ban go against Texans' values of freedom, self-determination, and bodily autonomy, it will harm Texans, especially those who are most marginalized.

The ability to access abortion is a critical component of the health and dignity of every Texan -- as well as independence, freedom, and social and economic equality. I urge you to vote against HB 3760.

Jasmine Tolhurst

Texas Democratic Women of Galveston County and self as a student at UHCL

Dickinson, TX

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.

Briana Miles

Self, Community Organizer

Sugar Land, TX

Hi my name is Briana Miles and I oppose HB 3760.

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This bill requires that abortion providers document that they've received information on giving birth and caring for a pregnancy in the case of a fetal anomaly and criminalize a provider if they don't comply with the state's proposed recordkeeping. This bill is an extreme and dangerous bill that would outright ban abortion in the state before many Texans even know they are pregnant. This bill will create frivolous and harassing lawsuits against doctors and anyone who helps patients access care. Please give respect to the people having to make these personal medical decisions and their doctors. Trust doctors, trust science, and oppose HB 3760.

Lynn Stahl

National Council of Jewish Women

San Antonio, TX

We oppose the bill as being draconian for individual women's rights. We see NO legislation regulating men who rape these women.

Regina Beavers

Self

Eules, TX

Oppose

Amanda Moorhead

Self, OT

Lubbock, TX

I am strongly opposed to this house bill. This bill will create frivolous and harassing lawsuits against doctors and anyone who helps patients access care. Stop attempting to restrict safe access to abortion care services!!

Lori Stockstiel

NCJW SAN ANTONIO

Boerne, TX

I OPPOSE THIS BILL. IT IS AN INFRINGEMENT OF MY RIGHTS.

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 2337/ SB 394, 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.

Karen Kelley

self, Administrative

austin, TX

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I oppose HB 3760. This is onerous and not needed.

Karl Holbert

Self

Round Rock, TX

I am against HB 3760

Monica Holbert

Self, graphic designer

Round Rock, TX

I am against HB 3760

Darlene Holbert

Self, retired

Round Rock, TX

I am against HB 3760.

Burt Holbert

Self, student

Round Rock, TX

I am against HB 3760

Caitlin Flynt

Self

Dallas, TX

My name is Caitlin Flynt and I'm writing to express my opposition to House Bill 3760, which adds additional unconstitutional restrictions and barriers to abortion for both patients and medical professionals.

This bill is extremely dangerous and would ban abortion outright, before more people even know that they're pregnant, which is an egregious violation of Texans' right to bodily autonomy. Additionally, it would allow for frivolous and harassing lawsuits against anyone involved in helping patients access the essential healthcare that they seek: doctors, clinic staff, volunteers, and will be able to be aggressively targeted for simply assisting a patient with seeking care. This is outrageous and wrong.

Restricting abortion access and penalizing people who help other Texans seek abortions is morally reprehensible. As a Texan who has had an abortion and suffered because of Texas' already massive barriers to seeking care, this is a very personal matter to me. It is not the place of the state to dip its nose into the personal decisions of Texans. People already go through too much undue pain at the state's hand to seek the care they need, and the Texas legislature should be more concerned with protecting the health of Texans and affirming their right to safe and legal abortion care.

House Bill 3670 is an unconstitutional farce that seeks to make abortion practically impossible at best and outright banned at worst. Passing this bill will cause Texans, your fellow people, to suffer and endure unnecessary pain at the hand of the state, and is wrong. I urge you to restrict this cruel legislation and vote NO on HB 3760.

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Ethan Wayland

self

McKinney, TX

Abortion is safe.

Abortion is necessary.

Abortion is a right.

Abortion is health care.

David Elam

The pre-born

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

League City, TX

I oppose this bill. I support bodily autonomy regardless of pregnancy status or stage and oppose government overreach into private medical decisions. I oppose criminalizing health care.

Brianna Donnelly

Self

Frisco, TX

Abortion is safe.

Abortion is necessary ffs!

Abortion is a HUMAN right.

Abortion is health care!

IT IS NOT A CRIME TO CONTROL YOUR BODY AND CHOICE! Stop controlling WOMENS REPRODUCTIVE SYSTEMS!

Jennifer Madrid, Ms

self

Belton, TX

Dear Public Health Committee,

I will soon email my public testimony from last legislative session, but here I will share my thoughts on this bill, HB 3760. Last session, I spoke publicly about the devastating effects of my abortion at age 19 after rape. I did not as a teenager deserve to be encouraged by our laws to end my baby's life as a response to being raped. One crime did not cancel out the other. Instead, it left

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me with devastating guilt, sorrow, and serious health issues which affect me still...more than 30 years later..knowing what I did to my precious child.

I spoke here at the capitol last session with 40 women who shared how abortion had devastated our lives. We unanimously agreed that **WE WOULD NEVER HAVE HAD THE ABORTION HAD IT BEEN ILLEGAL AND HAD WE FACED A PRISON SENTENCE**, and that **LEGAL ABORTION WAS A TRAP** into a life of guilt, shame, regret and devastation to our health and relationships. We **NEED** the penalty to deter us from this devastating trap, and the penalty for the mothers and others who assist them in taking their pre-born baby's lives should be the same as for any child. Our own Texas penal code acknowledges the pre-born child's humanity from fertilization. To treat our pre-born as unequal and undeserving of our protection is a tragic form of discrimination. Do "the least of these" not deserve the same 14th amendment protection as any of the rest of us? Please amend this bill to treat abortion as the homicide. Mothers should not be above the law. It doesn't help us. As one of our Texas house members stated in a hearing last week, "A law without penalty is no law at all, but a mere suggestion." I understand and appreciate the compassion most have for mothers in crisis pregnancy situations, but it is **MISPLACED** sympathy to permit mothers the option to murder their children and then be faced with the horrific reality of what they have done.

We cannot wait for a rogue court to right its own wrongs. It hasn't in nearly 50 years and shows little will left to uphold the constitution in this hour. It was not established to create law, but to uphold the constitution, just as the states were never intended to be subjects of the federal government, but were granted the power to create their own laws in the 10th amendment. Texas has sworn an oath to uphold the constitution which demands our citizens be protected and given due process before their lives are taken from them. Our laws also state that pre-born children are, in fact, people. Do they not deserve our protection? Can the states defy the federal government on marijuana and immigration, but not on the issue of life itself? Members of the Texas house have recently publicly declared that they would defy the federal government if it attempted to trample our right to bear arms, but yet we are complacent when it comes to our children and their right to even live. Please add language to this bill that affirms our state's 10th amendment right to make it's own laws.

Maggi Carter, Ms.

Self/retired

Beaumont, TX

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

Megan Baker

Self, childcare

Austin, TX

This bill would ban abortion before many or most women know they're pregnant. Forcing people to become parents is not "pro-life," it's anti-child. Even under the best of circumstances many people struggle (and fail) to be good parents. Mine did and those of most of my friends did too, and most of us were "planned." It breaks my heart to think of a child being born to someone who did not want him or her. This is incredibly dangerous for children, some number of whom are killed by their parents every year. This bill is dangerous and cruel and would lead to enormous and needless suffering.

Mary OConnell

Self

Austin, TX

Stop filing these asinine bills!! You are wasting the taxpayers money!!! Abortion is **LEGAL** and it is **HEALTHCARE!!!**

Michael Gobart

Self

La Vernia, TX

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Please do not support bills which will only further legalize murder of preborn children! Appose bills which make allowance for and give exceptions to legally murder children, discriminating against some preborn children based upon age, heartbeat, or other discriminatory factors. Please pursue fulfillment of the Republican Party of Texas legislative priority to COMPLETELY end ALL abortions in the state of Texas. Give HB 3326 a hearing and support it.

Shantia Reese

Self

Austin, TX

Abortion

You say you are pro-life, and I am pro-life as well. I believe that injustice that happens when the police kill unarmed black people is murder. I believe that the people that can buy guns anywhere and then commit mass shootings are murders. The people who hurt them, i.e., the police that shoot unarmed black people, should be held accountable and never be a part of the police force or work in government or security. I believe that all these people that have lost their lives deserve their lives, and you should be working on laws that protect their lives. I believe that we should be protecting people even after they are born and creating laws and infrastructure that protect them. Such as medicare for all, such as the John Lewis Voting Rights, such as the American Rescue Plan, raise the minimum wage.

I believe that a woman has the decision to determine what happens in her life. That a woman's life should be treated with dignity and respect. By choosing to limit abortion as healthcare, you tell all women that they do not have ownership of their life and that somehow an unborn fetus has equal rights over her body. It is a woman's right to make decisions about her body. It is not the government's place to control women's rights nor deny her the ability to decide what is best for her and her life. I am pro-abortion because being able to delay and limit childbearing is fundamental to female empowerment and equality. A woman who lacks the means to manage her fertility lacks the means to manage her life—any plans, dreams, aspirations, responsibilities, or commitments. Additionally, well-timed pregnancies give children a healthier start in life. We now have ample evidence that babies do best when women can space their pregnancies and get prenatal and preconception care. The specific nutrients we ingest in the weeks before we get pregnant can have a lifelong effect on our offspring's well-being. Rapid repeat pregnancies increase the risk of low birth-weight babies and other complications.

Republicans talk all the time about the federal government controlling the state, but you all are trying to control our bodies. The government should not be trying to make it harder for women to go through this difficult process as it is not the easiest decision for some. Women are not property, and there are no government issues that restrict a man's bodily autonomy, but you consistently try to control a woman's bodily autonomy. This is not right, nor does it feel legal. This is discriminatory toward females. There is no medical reason to increase abortion restriction laws, but medical evidence reaffirms the choice for pregnancy should be the child-bearers decision. Reproduction is a highly imperfect process. Genetic recombination is a complicated progression with flaws and false starts at every step along the way. Contraceptives are imperfect, and people are too. The pill is 1960s technology, now half a century old. For decades, women were told that the pill w

William Ripley

Self/ Fireman

Sherman, TX

My name is William Ripley from Sherman

I'm against this bill as written; House Bill 3760 because it is not in effect until Roe v Wade is overturned. It perpetuates the idea that Roe is the law of the land.

I'm also against this bill because it regulates abortion rather than abolishing the murder of preborn babies. It doesn't offer equal protection for unborn persons.

From the time of conception a human person is being formed. the presence of a heartbeat doesnt make that any more of a person than he or she already is.

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Tara Sander Lee. A molecular geneticist gives a scientific response to this argument.

https://youtu.be/jnAbwc_pHSY

The Texas Constitution says “Texas is a free and independent state subject only to the constitution of the united states”.

The Fifth Amendment of the US Constitution says, in part, “no person shall be deprived of life liberty or property without due process of law”. Do we believe all that?

If that's not enough God says that we were formed in our mother's womb. We are made In His Image. Do we believe that?

As a pro-life advocate in Sherman and an ABORTION clinic sidewalk counselor in Dallas. I have helped a handful of people as part of a team. I'm asking you to be part of that team that ends abortion in Texas this year.

Not long ago it was legal to own people in our country. And brave people working on the front lines and in legislature were able to abolish that evil. People defied those immoral laws and the Dred Scott Supreme Court decision for a Godly cause.

I encourage you to change the wording to make this a true abolition bill or support the legislation already filed by Bryan Slayton, HB3326 and HB3641, that defies Roe v. Wade and abolishes abortion.

Many states are currently defying federal law for recreational marijuana. Aren't 55,000 preborn Texans per year worth the good fight?

If these bills had teeth, there would be a line of Pro-choice protesters here. They are absent.

The founders of Texas were bold and courageous. I encourage my legislators to be the same.

I leave you with these words of encouragement Moses given to Joshua.” Be strong and courageous” ... “the Lord is the one who goes ahead of you he will be with you He will not fail or forsake you do not fear or be dismayed”. (Deuteronomy 31:7-8)

Linda Heye

Self retired

Austin, TX

Regulating abortion. I believe babies in the womb should be protected

NANCY SANDERFORD

Self

COPPELL, TX

Abortion and the taking of innocent lives must be stopped! This is an action that is completely unacceptable where man takes the life and death of an unborn child in his own hands and completely denies that he is killing a human being!

Joan Edelstein

Self (Textile Artist)

Austin, TX

I am completely opposed to this bill and any bill which, in my opinion, tries to control unfairly women's rights re reproductive health and choice.

virginia hurley, mrs

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self/teacher

Pflugerville, TX

I am FOR this bill!

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 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.

Donna Lipman

self

Austin, TX

Stop trying to regulate women's bodies. It's not your concern. I oppose, vehemently.

Corlie Jackson

self-graphic designer

Galveston, TX

Oppose!! what kind of insanity is this??? Why are you more worried about chastising medical health professionals and criminalize a woman choice than children's health care insurance, proper education PK-12. Let's focus on those who are living and stay out of my panties and my choices!

brandie baker

self

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austin, TX

I would like to state my opposition to HB 3760

Bill Roberts

Self

Driftwood, TX

Pass this bill. It seems to put all of the bills together or at least supports them all.

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 3760 and any similar bill.

Neesha Davé, Ms.

Lilith Fund

Austin, TX

We oppose HB 3760, an extreme and dangerous bill that seeks to completely eliminate access to abortion and force anti-abortion politician's personal beliefs on all Texans as soon as anti-abortion extremists unjustly erode our constitutional protections.

By September 2021, HB 3760 would ban abortion based on the state's assumptions about a person's private decision-making and force Texans to carry an unviable pregnancy until they miscarry. It would ban abortion in the state when cardiac activity is detectable before many Texans even know they are pregnant at around 6 weeks gestation by 2023 or as soon as this is deemed constitutional. And it would ban most abortion in Texas by 2025 or as soon as federal protections are struck. Additionally, it would subject doctors to criminal and civil penalties and disciplinary actions for providing safe and effective healthcare. The combination of the policies makes it clear that the goal of all of these individual policies is to end access to abortion care, regardless of the impact on Texans.

Deciding whether and when to become a parent or to carry a pregnancy to term is one of the most important decisions we make. Most Texans agree that everyone should be able to make the decisions that are best for them and their family without anti-abortion politicians interfering.

The state cannot be the arbiter of whether a person's reasons for seeking abortion are worthy or justified. People seek to end their pregnancies for any number of reasons and the state is not entitled to know or judge those reasons. Bans based on the alleged reason a person decides to terminate a pregnancy are wrong. Additionally, bans that prohibit abortions (or that prohibit the provision of information on abortion services) in cases of fetal diagnosis restrict patients' ability to make decisions that are best for themselves and their family.

Navigating the existing barriers, from the cost of the procedure itself, to the mandatory 24-hour waiting period, and often extensive travel required to get to a clinic that provides care—this all causes delays and would make it virtually impossible for Texans to access abortion care before 6 weeks. That is clearly the goal.

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The outright abortion ban would make virtually all abortions illegal in Texas as soon as constitutional protections are eroded. The abortion ban would be so extreme and cruel that it would force people to carry a pregnancy until they miscarry, and makes no exception for the life of the patient if the patient experiences a mental health crisis and becomes suicidal due to an unwanted pregnancy.

This bill will harm Texans, especially those who are already most marginalized. Research has shown that women are more likely to remain in poverty and stay in abusive relationships when they are unable to access abortion care (Roberts et al, 2014). The ability to access abortion is a critical component of the health and dignity of every Texan. We urge the committee to oppose HB 3760.

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

Please vote to protect and support all avenues to protect the gift of life.
Thank you

Cheryl Cali

Self / homemaker

Victoria, TX

If HB 3760 passes it will abolish abortion at a future date. Abolition of Abortion is a legislative priority for the Republican Party of Texas, seeking to "Abolish abortion by ensuring the right to life and equal protection of the laws to all preborn children from the moment of fertilization."

Between today and September 1st, 2025 over 220,000 babies in the womb will be slaughtered in the State of Texas. This will

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happen within the acceptable parameters that this pro-life state has permitted and established through pro-life regulations for the killing to take place. We are currently ranked the 20th most pro-life state, how is that even possible while we permit the killing of 55,000 babies in the womb every year? Would it not be better that we were ranked 1 as a state that fully and immediately abolished abortion?

We have the luxury of waiting until September 1, 2025 because it is not you or I that is being torn limb from limb, crushed, and poisoned. No. The victims of abortion are being flushed down toilets all over our state, liquified by a vacuum and poured down drains and thrown out in red biohazard bags as though they were garbage. And that is exactly what this law does. It treats human beings as though they were refuse and offscourings.

The victims of abortion can not speak for themselves. They depend on us to intercede on their behalf. God tells us that we are to rescue those being led to the slaughter. We are not to do evil that good may come. This is an absolutely emergency matter for hundreds of thousands of people in the womb that Texas agrees in legally defining as persons. How can we then permit them to continue to be killed? We in fact guarantee with these pro-life award winning laws that they will die.

If it is possible to abolish abortion at some future date, it is possible to abolish abortion immediately. My hope is not in the Supreme Court opinion. My hope is that you as magistrates will interpose on behalf of the pre-born immediately and fully abolish abortion. Not through steps and increments that continue to permit them to die in the mean time and pretending like that is a good and virtuous thing. It is not. It is wicked.

The state of Texas is Legally morally and historically right to defy the federal judiciary and protect pre-born children. It is your God given duty to uphold the oath that you have taken to defend all Texans.

I plead with you to repent of these laws and their bloodshed, to trust in Jesus Christ alone. Stand on His Word and for His glory, and to do all that you can to end abortion immediately.

Deloris Honick

Self

Magnolia, TX

There should never be a baby aborted just because they might have a deformity or Down syndrome. I was told my son had a 90% chance of having it . We did an amniocentesis and he was healthy. Down syndrome kids are lovable and come with all different amounts of learning. Any other deformation that may not live long should receive palliative care . I live in a country where its a felony to mess with a bald eagle egg but just kill and throw Away babies all day every day .

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

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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 w, TX

I am for this bill as it is the strongest pro-life legislation that will ensure that babies are saved and abortion providers are penalized.

Pat Williams

Self

Cedar Park, TX

I endorse this bill as it is the true test and proof of Texans stand against abortion. This bill rights the wrong of Roe v Wade which had its origins in Texas

Andrea Ferrigno

Whole Woman's Health

McAllen, TX

My name is Andrea Ferrigno, I am the Corporate Vice President for Whole Woman's Health. I submit my opposition to House Bill 3760 because it unconstitutionally targets abortion care in ways that ignore the health and well-being of Texans. House Bill 3760 is an omnibus anti-abortion bill that seeks to rob people of their freedom and right to choose what is best for them, their families, and their futures.

This bill would ban abortion in Texas with few exceptions before most people know they're pregnant. It would subject medical professionals to criminal and civil penalties and disciplinary actions for providing abortions, which medical professionals agree is safe and effective way to terminate a pregnancy and an integral piece of comprehensive gynecological care. It would force anyone seeking abortion care in the state to receive biased, medically inaccurate counseling from crisis pregnancy centers (CPCs) which are funded by the state and in many communities they harass and attack our clinics' staff and patients.

This bill would also create a database of every person who sought abortion care in Texas, which is a violation of patient privacy. The statewide database puts people at risk for exploring all their healthcare options.

Bills like House Bill 3760 are put on the books to wage a war against abortion care, criminalize providers for providing quality abortion care that aligns with the latest medical advancements, and makes patients fear possible repercussions for seeking out abortion as a valid healthcare option. Texans deserve better and that is why I oppose House Bill 3760.

Jill Oliver

Self

Buda, TX

I ask that you vote in favor of HB 3760. This is a wonderful bill that would save the lives of Texans - no matter how small. In 1973 we did not understand that the DNA code of a human was intact at conception, thus confirming that life does, indeed, begin at conception. We now know that within a few short weeks, the heart, circulation, brain, spinal cord, nervous system, face, throat, eyes, ears, arms, legs - even fingers and toes have developed by week 9. How can we not actively question a ruling based on a false, antiquated understanding of science?

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