

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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Submitted to the Committee on Public Health  
For HB 663

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Hearing Date: March 27, 2023 8:00 AM

Linda McCullough

Self

Lago vista, TX

Texas has an abysmal record with regards to maternal/fetal morbidity and mortality. This can be improved by extending Medicaid for at least one year postpartum. If we are not going to allow termination of high risk pregnancies the. We must care for the women forced to give birth to these children and we must care for the children we demanded, no matter what, to be born. It's the only moral, ethical thing to do.

Quynh-Huong Nguyen

Woori Juntos

Houston, TX

House Bill 663 is a crucial piece of legislation that seeks to improve maternal health outcomes by establishing a maternal mortality and morbidity data registry. The establishment of this registry is critical because maternal mortality rates in the United States are unacceptably high, particularly among women of color. Recent studies have shown that Black, Indigenous, and Hispanic women are two to three times more likely to die from pregnancy-related complications than white women. This disparity is unacceptable and must be addressed.

House Bill 663 would help address this issue by ensuring that data on maternal deaths and complications is accurately reported and analyzed. This would allow medical professionals and policymakers to better understand the underlying causes of maternal mortality and morbidity, and develop effective strategies to address these issues.

Furthermore, this bill would protect the confidentiality of individuals whose data is included in the registry, ensuring that their privacy is respected. This is an important safeguard that will encourage more people to participate in the registry and provide accurate data.

In conclusion, House Bill 663 is a crucial piece of legislation that will improve maternal health outcomes and address the alarming disparities in maternal mortality rates among women of color. By establishing a maternal mortality and morbidity data registry, we can better understand the underlying causes of maternal mortality and develop effective strategies to address these issues. I urge all members to support this important bill.

JEROME YOUNG  
SELF  
THE WOODLANDS, TX

WRITING IN SUPPORT OF THE BILL

Suggest the following amendments. Include in data collection: 1) vaccinations (any) received on year after birth ( including those give at discharge from the hospital. 2) Any initiation OR change (changing dose up or down) or abrupt cessation of any psychoactive drugs (antidepressant, anxiolytics bipolar meds, mood stabilizers , antiseizure meds used off label for psychiatric disorders

Erin Boldt, RN  
Self  
Houston, TX

My name is Erin Boldt. I'm a registered nurse with experience in labor and delivery and community obstetrics. I'm also a student nurse midwife and I care deeply about the worsening health outcomes for women in Texas. I fully support removing the barriers to the MMMRC by reimbursing travel expenses for members and not requiring redaction of records by nurses. I especially support the work group to establish a maternal mortality and morbidity data registry as it will aid the MMMRC in performing their tasks with accuracy and timeliness. Please support HB 663 and take seriously the maternal health crisis that Texas is in.

Delaina Bishop  
SELF/Parent  
Austin, TX

I SUPPORT this bill. Texas mothers mortality rates are abysmal. We should be doing everything we can to track and prevent maternal mortalities in Texas.

Sabrina Ball  
Self  
Fort Worth, TX

We need as much information on maternal mortality as possible so we can improve health outcomes for women in Texas. Please support this bill!

Anastasia Bowley  
Self  
Austin, TX

Please pass this bill that helps our state track maternal health.

Thank you.

Taylor Trevino  
self (organizer)  
Austin, TX

I urge Representatives to support this bill. Maternal mortal rights are rising and the better we can track information related to maternal mortality, the better we can address and ameliorate this issue.

Eric Wright  
Concerned grandparents  
Garland, TX

Please stop this

Stacy Wall  
Self - Realtor  
Kerrville, TX

Privacy needs to stay protected

Nicole Frette  
Individual  
Cedar Hill, TX

I support.

Donna Broden, Mrs.  
Self  
DeSoto, TX

Please protect my grandchildren from these people who want to sexuality them at this very sensitive age. I've worked with children 39 years and I know they are our greatest resource but we must protects their minds and their bodies.

John Hinote  
Self  
Orange, TX

I do not wish to have my tax money to support gender transitioning, gender reassignment or gender dysphoria.

I think these procedures are immoral and sick.

Why does everyone say, "follow the science", until it comes to male anatomy at birth, being identifiable as male. And the presence of female genitalia at birth, being identified as female.

Science isn't wrong.

This is an abomination.