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Jennifer Ayers

Self

Austin, TX

The abortion pill is the safest way to end an unwanted pregnancy. No person should be forced into parenthood, should their birth control fail them. We can barely afford to put a roof over our heads and food on our table as it is, with Dumps disastrous economic policies. Unless you want us to start leaving our unwanted babies on our legislator's doorsteps, I would highly recommend you not take away choice. I will choose to leave that unwanted baby on your fucking doorstep, since you want them so badly, and can obviously afford it.

Grace Nobles

Self - law student

Dallas, TX

Limiting the ways that women access life-saving healthcare is not contributing to more freedom or liberty. Texas values individual freedoms - let women have the freedom to define their destiny.

David Dow

Avow Texas, see <https://avowtexas.org/>

Houston, TX

My name is David Dow and I oppose House Bill 7. HB 7 will create a nationwide abortion bounty hunt, further isolating Texans who are seeking medical care and intimidate anyone who helps us. This bill interferes with everyone's personal freedom and right to access essential healthcare. It undermines abortion access for Texans already facing multiple barriers to healthcare.

I care that all Texans have the right to decide for themselves what medical treatment will aid their lives now and in the future. This includes the right to have an abortion in Texas. This is government overreach!

This is yet another attempt to turn neighbors into spies, and it is deeply unpopular in our state. Texans have already rejected this approach in Amarillo. Voters voted down the targeting of neighbors who help others access abortion care because I see this for what it is: as stated above, it is government overreach. I do not want to be punished for seeking care or see our loved ones sued for offering help.

For years Texans have struggled to access even the most basic healthcare, and the abortion ban has only worsened our quality of life. Maternal deaths in Texas have increased by 56%, sepsis rates have surged 50%, and infant mortality has increased by 13%. These are our lives and our loved ones in the heartbreaking statistics. At such a crucial moment, the state government should be doing anything but further criminalizing abortion care for Texans. For these reasons I oppose HB 7.

Michelle Tull

Self

Austin, TX

The existing restrictions on abortion are already costing women and girls their rights and should be repealed. Further restrictions as proposed by this bill serve only to control and kill more women and girls.

I say girls because your horrible laws offer no protections for minor children who are victims of rape or incest which is not surprising for a party that supports rapists, child molesters and adulterers enthusiastically

Teri Zatopek

Self

Leander, TX

Recent data after the initial abortion ban shows increased rates of neonatal and infant mortality, and increased instances of sepsis in pregnant and postpartum women. Abortions aren't solely for unwanted pregnancies.

An abortion saved my life at 11 weeks, after I saw the flicker of my baby's heartbeat at 7 weeks. And over the last 8 years, I've met hundreds of women who also had live saving abortions.

There are so many complications that can happen during a pregnancy. Many of which may require an abortion to save the life of the pregnant person, here are some such conditions:

- Ectopic pregnancy
- Osteogenesis imperfecta: types I, II, III, and IV
- Anencephaly
- Severe preeclampsia
- Severe maternal heart disease
- Severe maternal kidney disease
- Placental abruption
- Some cases of PPRM
- Maternal pulmonary hypertension
- Maternal cancer
- Hydatidiform Moles
- Choriocarcinoma
- Placental-site trophoblastic tumor
- Epithelioid trophoblastic tumor
- Infection or sepsis
- Hemorrhage
- Fetal reduction
- Chromosomal abnormalities: trisomy, monosomy, triploidy
- Neural tube defects
- Placenta accreta and abruption
- Severe and untreated hyperemesis gravidarum
- Congenital anomalies
- Placenta previa

Judy Ward

self/recovering CPA, retired financial advisor

Richardson, TX

Please do not pass HB 7, even if there are modifications to or removal of the RFRA and anti-SLAPP provisions. We all want women to have good, safe health care when pregnant. Sadly the Texas lege has made it so that women in TX cannot get proper medical supervision on the use of abortion pills from their local doctors because of the abortion ban. The ban is the problem; the pills are NOT the problem.

The "study" that keeps getting referenced by those testifying against the abortion pills done by the Ethics and Public Policy Center that concludes that the abortion pills result in one in ten women experiences a serious adverse medical event has more holes than a block of Swiss cheese. The institution that funded the study is a religious policy think tank, not a scientific or medical group. The authors have no background in science, medicine or statistics and say they consulted with "medical experts" without naming them. There is only this "report" with no evidence provided and this "study" is not available in any medical journal. They say how they obtained their data but fail to name the insurance company that provided the information. Since none of their data can be trusted, their "research" has not been published in any peer-reviewed journal.

Do not trust or rely upon this so called "study".

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) advises that patients will experience bleeding and cramping like those experienced with miscarriage, more than experienced with a period. ACOG considers nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, headache, dizziness, hot flashes and chills that might be experienced with use of the abortion meds "minor". ACOG also finds that less than 1% of patients will require an emergency intervention for excessive bleeding. ACOG should be the final authority on this subject.

I am one of many Jesus followers who do not believe that life begins at conception. Too many biblical verses contradict that belief. However, the Texas lege has for some time now been determined to legislatively impose the "beliefs" of the few, and they are just that--"beliefs", on the many of us who believe otherwise. Don't our rights to religious freedom mean we should be able to practice those beliefs? How does such legislation not violate our rights to practice our religion freely?

Women will continue to find ways to abort pregnancies out of desperation, inability to provide for another child, fear of being outcast by their families; the list is endless. I think this legislature would serve its citizens much better by helping keep women safe and not force the return to the pre-Roe butchery that I so well remember happening and that will happen once again if the legislature continues down this path. Again, the pills are not the problem; the abortion ban is the problem

Mary Wood

Self

Pflugerville, TX

I do not support this bill. Texans deserve access to safe legal abortions. More importantly this is NOT FLOOD STUFF. Please don't waste Texas time and resources on bills like this and take care of the flood victims.

Michelle Taylor, Nurse Manager

PACN

Spring, TX

"I urge you to pass House Bill 7, the Woman and Child Protection Act. I strongly believe that every life deserves to be protected, from fertilization to natural death. However, even with our current Pro-Life laws, tens of thousands of abortion pills are mailed into our state each year, killing preborn babies. Texans need more tools to bring about justice for abortionists and activists who send deadly drugs to our communities. Please quickly advance HB 7 through the committee, so Pro-Life citizens can save preborn children and defend their mothers from abortion pills. Thank you."

Lindsay Johnson
Self/Disabled
Haskell, TX

Please pass this bill so that countless women can be spared the horrific injuries caused by these pills!

Joanne Kridner
Self
TOMBALL, TX

Abortion inducing drugs have been proven to be unethical because they will kill a fetus if successful and unknowingly to the user of these medications can cause very serious injury that can result in the death of the mother. These drugs are dangerous and not properly represented to the user as unsafe and risky. I am concerned about the effects of these drugs on both the mother and the fetus she is carrying. It is not natural to induce an abortion, and it is very risky. Let's make laws that protect life and not support laws that destroy life.

Aloys Notzon
Self/ Retired
San Antonio, TX

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Kelsey Spencer
Self - Graphic Designer
Austin, TX

Hello, I am contacting you to oppose this bill in the strongest possible terms. Texas ranks extremely poorly in healthcare compared to other states. It's current restrictions on abortion have spiked our maternal mortality rates higher than the national rate. The supposed pro-life argument against these pills rings extremely hollow when we just keep digging these holes even deeper. If you care about the health of your fellow Texans you will not pass this bill.

Jennifer Margulies

Self, consultant

Austin, TX

These comments were written to be delivered during public comment at the hearing: I'm Jen Margulies, here today to speak against SB7. I could speak to you today as a Jew whose religion does *not* hold that life begins at conception, whose sacred texts counsel us that we MUST value the life of a pregnant person above a fetus. I can tell you that abortion access is a religious freedom issue.

I could speak to you as a parent, terrified of raising a teenage girl in a state that's taken the game of Russian roulette that pregnancy always is — there's a reason we are counseled to write our wills before we go in to have a baby — and loaded up the chambers of the gun that's pointed at our heads when we give birth. This bill would allow bounty seekers to sue me for protecting my actual, born child and the people who would help her in an emergency.

I could speak to you as someone who has been involved for over 30 years in advocacy to end domestic violence, about the bitter irony of this bill's authors purporting to protect women and children by going after the manufacturers of an item that some abusers have used despicably in the course of their abuse. In Texas, 75% of domestic violence fatalities involve an abuser using a gun, and a gun in the home makes it five times more likely that a domestic violence situation will become fatal. Yet session after session, this legislature refuses to protect women and children by limiting abusers' access to guns. But when it comes to a pill that overwhelmingly is used voluntarily, now suddenly Texas legislators suddenly want to go after this one particular tool.

But what I most want to speak to you about is rights. Not just mine as a person with a uterus and right to bodily autonomy, but your rights, as legislators in the Texas House, a legislative body that does not have the right to legislate for the entire country. ? Abortion-inducing medication is legal in 36 states and D.C. Doctors in those states are not governed by Texas law when practicing medicine and prescribing as they see fit. Mail order pharmacies are not governed by Texas law when mailing medication prescribed by a doctor. Medication abortion is safe -- with only 0.4% risk of major complications and a mortality rate of less than 0.001%. (According to the FDA) When it's dangerous is when you do what this legislature has done and block people from receiving the immediate medical care we would need in those .4% of cases.

The Texas House does not have the right to change reality — people will always need to end pregnancies. As I said, I'm the parent of a teen of childbearing capacity and a person with a uterus myself. Now in my ideal world, neither of us is going to become pregnant any time soon. But reality sometimes has other plans that I can't change and neither can you. And the reality is that this bill does not protect women or children, but puts our bodies, rights, and functional citizenship at risk.

Taylor Nelson

Self

Pflugerville, TX

My name is Taylor and I'm writing to express my firm opposition to HB 7 and any other efforts to restrict access to medication abortion, such as mifepristone and misoprostol. HB 7 seeks to completely cut off access to medication abortion from inside and outside of Texas and isolate pregnant Texans from anyone who can help them. This is the fourth abortion ban that our lawmakers are pushing for instead of what Texans need.

The added trauma and fear that pregnant individuals are currently facing are forced to navigate an unnecessary fourth ban to get the care they need. People deserve to have access to safe abortion care without political interference. I urge you to listen to medical experts, not misinformation, and vote NO on HB 7. Thank you.

Mila Andres

Self

Austin, TX

Conservatives have long championed the principles of individual liberty, personal responsibility, and limited government. When it comes to healthcare, those values mean trusting citizens—not bureaucrats—to make the best decisions for themselves and their families. Restricting safe, FDA-approved medication represents government overreach. Abortion medication is far less expensive than surgical procedures or the long-term costs of forcing government involvement in personal health. Allowing medication reduces burdens on taxpayers and the healthcare system. Blocking access does not make them disappear; it only drives women toward riskier options.

Faith Miller

Social Media / Self

Austin, TX

I am Faith Miller and I'm writing to express my firm opposition to HB 7 and any other efforts to restrict access to medication abortion, such as mifepristone and misoprostol. HB 7 seeks to completely cut off access to medication abortion from inside and outside of Texas and isolate pregnant Texans from anyone who can help them. This is the fourth abortion ban that our lawmakers are pushing for instead of what Texans need.

Eugene Balaguer

Self retired

Austin, TX

I oppose this bill. Repeated polling indicates that people want to make their OWN medical decisions. It is not anyone else's concern. Vote no.

Katie Carnahan

self

Austin, TX

I strongly oppose House Bill 7. This legislation severely threatens Texans' health and safety and overreaches into private medical decisions, disregarding science, patient well-being, and medical ethics. Medication abortion is safe, effective, widely used, and is approved by the FDA. HB 7, however, makes providing it a felony after seven weeks, contradicting medical consensus and FDA guidelines. This forces patients into more invasive procedures or costly out-of-state travel.

Furthermore, HB 7 criminalizes mailing abortion medication and creates civil liability, imposing fines on those distributing these drugs. These provisions create insurmountable barriers to care and criminalize personal healthcare choices. By limiting telehealth and mandating burdensome in-person visits, HB 7 disproportionately harms rural, low-income, and minority Texans. Restricting safe, legal medication abortion doesn't eliminate it; it only makes it more dangerous, increasing unsafe abortions, complications, and maternal mortality.

Existing Texas law around abortion access already creates fear for physicians, who are now forced to navigate legal and criminal penalties even when a patient's life or health is at severe risk. HB 7 exacerbates this by criminalizing medication abortion and providing information on abortions. This forces doctors to delay or deny medically necessary care until a patient's condition is critically dangerous, as seen in countless testimonies and increased maternal complications across this state and others with similar forced birth laws. Patients with severe complications have been denied immediate, life-saving abortions due to doctors' and hospitals' fear of prosecution. These denials have led to life long complications for the women impacted.

This legislation inserts the state into the examination room, overriding medical judgment and ethics. It compels doctors to prioritize legal risk over patient well-being, leading to suffering, reproductive harm, and death. The consequences of HB 7 are devastating for Texans: increased maternal morbidity and mortality, greater health disparities, and profound emotional and psychological trauma. I urge you to reject HB 7 and use this special legislative session to focus on flood relief for impacted Texans.

Samantha Limon

Self. Wellness expert.

Fort Worth, TX

If men carried pregnancies this would not even be a question of access. If you prohibit these quality of life preserving medications also prohibit your viagra and age related testosterone hormone replacement therapy. Stay out of our lives if you refuse to provide healthcare just leave us alone.

Dan Mesches

Self

Austin, TX

The State overreach is chilling. This is another step towards autocratic rule. Whatever happened to the Republican Party that decried such invasive government intrusion?!

Tiffany Han, Mrs.

self, Product Manager

Austin, TX

My name is Tiffany Han and I am whole-heartedly opposing House Bill 7. HB 7 will create a nationwide abortion bounty hunt, further isolating Texans who are seeking medical care and intimidate anyone who helps us. This bill interferes with my personal freedom and right to access essential healthcare. It undermines abortion access for Texans already facing multiple barriers to healthcare.

We talk about freedom in this country yet laws are constantly being proposed to limit freedoms for marginalized groups. These bills are meant to control people. People should have autonomy over their own bodies. People are not incubators. If we care so much about the babies, let's focus on the poor, the homeless, public school, education. The energy here is directed in the wrong place.

This is yet another attempt to turn neighbors into spies, and it is deeply unpopular in our state. Texans have already rejected this approach in Amarillo. Voters voted down the targeting of neighbors who help others access abortion care because we see this for what it is: government overreach. We do not want to be punished for seeking care or see our loved ones sued for offering help.

For years Texans have struggled to access even the most basic healthcare and the abortion ban has only worsened our quality of life. Maternal deaths in Texas have increased by 56%, sepsis rates have surged 50%, and infant mortality has increased by 13%. These are our lives and our loved ones in the heartbreaking statistics. At such a crucial moment, the state government should be doing anything but further criminalizing abortion care for Texans. For these reasons I oppose HB 7.

Meg Sheehy

Self- Self Employed

Buda, TX

My name is Meg Sheehy and I'm a constituent from Buda, TX. Im here to voice my opposition to HB 7. 9 years ago I had a medication abortion for reasons that are my own. Now I'm hoping to conceive and have my first child with my husband of 4 years. Im grateful that I was able to access safe abortion care 9 years ago so that I'm able to try for a baby now that im ready, on my own terms, and in a safe and loving relationship. I don't regret my choice and I was grateful to be able to take the pill in the privacy of my home with the support from a loved one. The risks and process were clearly communicated to me at the time and I was made aware by the medical provider of when and how to seek additional care. I experienced no complications. If there are concerns here over the safety of the administration of these pills it's because you've made it immeasurably more difficult to seek safe abortion care here in Texas. Laws like this one have made people unable or afraid to seek proper care.

I am honestly afraid to be pregnant and give birth in Texas. I love this state and I dont want to leave but both my husband and I have fears that should complications arise, I may not be provided with life saving care by my doctor. That I may end up like many stories I've read and even heard here today of Texans who have been put at extreme risk or died because of the archaic laws in this state. That my friends and family members could be penalized for offering me help in that situation is shameful. I hear you say that there are provisions to protect against this and lessen the risk but people are afraid and much of the risk persists. I wish I could trust you, my representatives to act in my best interest and pass legislation that would seek to make me safer but instead you're here inserting yourselves unnecessarily into a situation that doesn't concern you.

The bottom line is my journey into motherhood should be just that, my own. With the support from my husband and guidance from my doctor. Please do what's right and allow me and the people of Texas the choice over our own futures, our own bodies. Thank you.

Francesca Fraga Leahy

Self/Small business owner

Austin, TX

I am a happily married mother of three young kids, lifelong Texan born and raised in Waco, Texas, raised as a Catholic, and currently living in South Austin. I am opposed to HB7 because, instead of helping Texans, this bill further wields state power to restrict the freedom of Texas women to make our own healthcare decisions and access the care we need — it wields state power with an iron fist to choke the American ideal of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness from the dreams and futures of Texas women and families. HB 7 seeks to completely cut off access to medication abortion from inside and outside of Texas and isolate pregnant Texans from anyone who can help them. This is the fourth abortion ban that our lawmakers are pushing for instead of addressing what Texas families actually need. The bill author stated that HB7 is designed for the “protection of mothers across the state.” I can assure you that I do not feel protected. I can assure you that Texas women of color in particular are not protected by this bill. Rather, by restricting women’s bodily autonomy and the choices she makes with her family and physician, this bill further restricts our freedom to raise children in conditions that allow them to flourish and for mothers to thrive. The decision to end a pregnancy is complex and personal. Healthcare and family-making decisions should be made by pregnant individuals and their provider — free from government overreach. Free from bounty hunter style targeting. This bill is fundamentally anti-life, anti-freedom, anti-mothers and families. Earlier in this hearing, a self-proclaimed right-to-life activist, stated that the abortion pills starve the fetus — where are the right-to-life extremists in advocating for children in our state who are starving and food insecure? Texas has the highest food insecurity population in the nation, with 5.3 million Texans facing food insecurity. 22.2%, or 1 in 5 Texas children, experience hunger. Where is the outrage in this session about that fact? Why don’t Texas’ extremist politicians have a similar sense of urgency when seeking to feed and care for Texas children and adequately resource the families, communities, and neighborhood schools that bear that responsibility? Since the abortion ban took effect in 2021, maternal and infant health outcomes have worsened and countless numbers of Texans and their families have been harmed and traumatized. Instead of seeking to ease the pain caused by this ban, the Texas Legislature promises to make the situation worse. It is the second Special Session of 2025. I urge you to focus your efforts on helping flood victims instead of risking our lives with more politically performative, anti-abortion bills. Texas does not have exceptions for fatal fetal diagnoses, sexual assault, and incest. Multiple women have died because of Texas's abortion ban. It is disgraceful that efforts to further restrict abortion are the Governor's and extremist politicians’ priorities.

Michelle Venegas-Matula
Texas Unitarian Universalist Justice Ministry
Austin, TX

My name is Michelle Venegas-Matula, and I am writing on behalf of the Texas Unitarian Universalist Justice Ministry (TXUUJM), representing thousands of people of faith across Texas.

Since the state's abortion ban took effect, Texas has become a more dangerous place to be pregnant. Maternal and infant health outcomes have worsened. Women have died. Families are traumatized. The existing law is a public health crisis born of cruelty.

Instead of addressing this suffering, you propose HB 7 to make it worse. This bill turns neighbors into bounty hunters and, in a breathtaking act of hypocrisy, it attacks the Texas Religious Freedom Restoration Act.

For years, this legislature has argued that the government shouldn't interfere with a person's deeply held religious beliefs. The Religious Freedom Restoration Act was supposed to be a shield to protect all people of faith. This bill turns that shield into a sword for one specific religious viewpoint while dismantling it for everyone else. It carves out an exception to religious freedom, specifically to punish people of faith—like Unitarian Universalists, Jews, and others—whose beliefs compel them to support compassionate healthcare. This bill effectively creates a state-preferred religion, and says that if your faith doesn't align with the state's narrow view on this one issue, your freedom doesn't count. That is not freedom; it is theocracy.

This isn't just a political issue for us; it is a matter of living our faith. Our Unitarian Universalist principles are centered on love, compassion, and the inherent worth and dignity of every person. When someone is facing a difficult, personal healthcare decision, our faith calls us to respond with support, not judgment. Helping a person in crisis access the care they need is a direct expression of our religious values. By stripping RFRA protections, this bill makes it illegal for us to practice a core tenet of our religion: to show up with love for people in our community. The government has no business telling us that our faith-based compassion is a crime.

It is disgraceful that this is the Governor's priority. Texans are recovering from devastating floods. Our families need real help. Instead, you are wasting precious time and money to further terrorize your own citizens.

Stop hurting Texans and Texas families. Focus on the real crises facing our state.

For the health, freedom, and dignity of all Texans, we urge you: Vote NO on House Bill 7.

Lisa Brenskelle

self

Houston, TX

SB 7 would eliminate Texas religious freedom protections. It removes Texas RFRA protections so defendants can't claim their religious freedom

is violated by the enforcement of any provision of Texas' abortion ban laws including the laws that were in effect before Roe v. Wade. Faith communities, pastors, chaplains, youth ministers, and others will no longer have a cause of action, including the right to receive damages, costs, and attorneys' fees, when SB7 burdens their freedom of religion. Under SB7, even if religious leaders are following denominational faith statements, they have no action under Texas RFRA.

For the first time, a bill carves out an issue-specific Texas RFRA claims for religious freedoms. This sets a dangerous precedent of eliminating freedom of religion

protections on other issues. For example, Texas RFRA provided protection for a judge in Waco who refused to officiate same-sex weddings based on her religious beliefs. The judge received damages, attorneys' fees, and costs through Texas RFRA (Hensley v. State of Commission on Judicial Conduct). SB7 would eliminate Anti-SLAPP protection and promote pretrial discovery. Under SB7, defendants can't file a motion to dismiss for unsubstantiated lawsuits. SB7 would undermine Texas' strong lawsuit protections by allowing frivolous lawsuits with no recourse. Under SB7's bounty hunter provisions (qui tam), any uninterested party can sue on behalf of the State of Texas potentially receiving up to \$100,000 in rewards. Any individual can bring a lawsuit claiming a violation under SB7 without providing any proof of the claim. They can request costly pretrial discovery including depositions and interrogatories requiring defendants to acquire legal counsel and subjecting them to fishing expeditions of their private records. Individuals and churches will have no recourse for these actions. By removing Anti-SLAPP provisions, SB7 prohibits these defendants from filing motions to dismiss and receiving attorneys' fees and costs if the action is unsubstantiated. SB7 lawsuits can be used to harass churches and individuals simply because the claimant doesn't like or agree with what the defendant believes or says or does. Folks can be targeted for things that have nothing to do with abortion laws, and they have no defense. SB7 penalizes judges and lawyers. It threatens judges with a minimum of \$100,000 statutory penalties if they rule SB7 is unconstitutional, and strips them of judicial immunity from lawsuits. It also makes lawyers jointly and severally liable if a challenge is made to SB7. This would create an environment of fear and intimidation for judges and lawyers. Faith communities would not be able to attain necessary legal counsel, and attorneys may advise faith communities not to exercise their religious freedoms or associate with folks who are following their religious beliefs because of the possibility of "guilt by association."

Lucy Tucker

Self

Austin, TX

This bill will not protect life or stop abortion. All it will do is drive abortions further underground, prompting women to seek out far riskier means of ending their pregnancies. Not only that, but it makes carrying a pregnancy that much more dangerous for expecting parents by reducing access to medically necessary drugs.

Furthermore, this bill is a gross overreach of government power for two reasons. Firstly, it seeks to involve the government in one of the most intimate and impactful processes in people's lives and their communities. Secondly, it seeks to empower fringe extremists to impose their will on the women and providers of this state and beyond.

Jovanna Cantu

Self

Georgetown, TX

Hello, my name is Jovanna Cantu. The added trauma and fear that pregnant individuals are currently facing are forced to navigate an unnecessary fourth ban to get the care they need. People deserve to have access to safe abortion care without political interference. I urge you to listen to medical experts, not misinformation, and vote NO on HB 7. Thank you.

Serena Arzu

Self

Houston, TX

I am testifying against HB 7. For the party of small government, i just want to note and make it clear that this is government overreach. Simply stay out of folks business and their personal healthcare decisions. That has nothing to do with this legislative body or anyone else but the pregnant person..

The author of this bill claims to be protecting women but is attempting to criminalize medication that is safe for use and FDA approved. Abortion medication is actually safer than continuing a pregnancy which results in many risks that people don't like to talk about including DEATH.

But as if Texans haven't suffered enough as a result of this legislative body and the current abortion ban in place, as if Maternal deaths in Texas haven't increased by 56% and sepsis rates haven't reached over 50% in Texas. Representatives like Jeff Leach are further pushing more abortion bans

Abortion is simply healthcare— full stop. This is a healthcare procedure whether it be done at the doctors office or folks taking medication.

Stop trying to regulate peoples bodies. It's obsessive it's dangerous. Every individual deserves adequate health care in this country.

I was fortunate enough to be able to receive care in this state when I was a minor when the barrier of parental consent laws were in place and for the record the laws at the time required for pregnant people to receive the "A Woman's Right to Know" that encouraged for individuals to keep their pregnancy even if they made their mind up on having an abortion. So to Rep Thompsons point, things have changed since the 80s.

Having an abortion was the best decision I've ever made for my life. I do not know where I would be. had I not had access to this life saving healthcare stop stop this. Stop regulating people's bodies and decisions that they make. Start focusing on the things that actually help individuals in Texas. Focus on the fact that Texas has the highest number of uninsured individuals start focusing on that

Start focusing on the fact that some Texans are not able to get the healthcare that they need because they're uninsured or they're scared to go to the doctors office because they're uninsured start focusing on things that actually matter to people or better yet restore abortions that restore abortion not just in extreme cases because at the end of the day this is a healthcare procedure benefit from and it's life-saving healthcare.

Maria Stadler

Self - Development

Austin, TX

This bill is not about saving children. This bill does not care about women. This bill is only concerned about one thing - control over the reproduction mechanism of a society. No one should own that. It is a deeply personal choice to have sex, become pregnant, and have a baby. They are all separate choices that an individual has a right to choose for themselves. Women have the right to have sex, but not get pregnant or have a baby. Women have the right have sex, become pregnant, and not have a baby. It all comes down to sex shaming women. There should be no penalty or shame for sex. Women should not have the penalty of pregnancy - men don't face any penalties for having sex, and neither should women.

This bill would further curtail what agency women have left over their own bodies to make choices that are right for them. The motivations behind the backers of this bill are clear - control, power, further removal of agency from those who have little. Please do not side with sex shamers, who masquerade as citizens concerned for the lives of the unborn. Please vote no on HB 7 for the safety, agency, and rights of all Texans who care about women, children, and the future of our TX community. Thank you.

Taylor Higgins

Self

Austin, TX

I am against this bill. This bill makes it a crime to be a woman. There are so many unsolved and un investigated cases of rape and incest. With that being the truth how can anyone pass this bill and look at themselves in the mirror without throwing up?

Please consider the future you want to create. We can't allow children to be brought into this world unwanted. We can't allow children to be violated and then forced to bear the product and consequence of that violation. These consequences are financial and emotional. Without government support for parental leave and daycare, this bill is a true attack on women. The USA stats on maternal deaths due to pregnancy far out pace any other developed country. It's absurd to see in one of the wealthiest most powerful countries in the world, a truly disgusting attack on women. Women being forced to go back to their jobs at restaurants and retail stores where it is not allowed to even sit, only 2 days after giving birth, it's disgusting. Do not pass this bill I beg you. Do not.

Lucy Trainor, MRS

Self

Driftwood, TX

Chemical abortions are now rampant in Texas with a whopping 30,000 plus children killed ever year by out of state access to abortion inducing drugs. This is a grave and serious danger to both the mother and child. HB 7 will accurately target this problem--please kindly pass it out of committee as soon as possible. Thank you for your service to our State.

Katherine Jacobs

Self

Austin, TX

Can we not have control of our bodies?

Marcella Ng, LTC(R)

Retiree and Small Business Owner (Mililani Woods, LLC)

Nolanville, TX

Having worked as a Pregnancy Resource Center Director for over 7 years and having served on the Board for a Pregnancy Resource Center for 2 years, I saw and heard first hand the harmful effects abortion-inducing drugs have on many of my former clients. Unless an individual is actually seeing a doctor, they should not be allowed to bought over the counter or prescribed in any manner. The physical and especially emotional side effect are far ranging and harm many mentally. That creates another burden on a society that is already seeing many already stressed. It just adds another layer of guilt and shame to the human psyche.

Levi King
self, student
Austin, TX

Hello committee, my name is Levi King, and I am a 17-year-old junior at Crockett High School here to testify against HB7. Why is the supposed great state of Texas targeting women and stripping them of their rights? Important medication should be accessible to all, yet you continue to dismantle their rights to bodily autonomy over and over again. I testified against SB6 in the last session, and a lot of the opposing testimonies I heard against this House Bill are saying that these pills "aren't safe". First off, they are, but if you wanted a safer alternative to abortion, why has medical abortion been made illegal? Why are doctors who are trying to benefit their patients now scared of facing legal penalties? It is alarming and worrying that I live in a state that is enabling bounty hunters to search for a mother bearing an unwanted child or her partner just wanting to support her through this process. No matter your stance on abortion, the choice should be up to the woman considering one, and that should be a choice she is allowed to legally make. A choice she should be able to make without facing legal penalty if she doesn't flee her home state. A choice she should be able to make because not everyone is ready to raise a child. A choice she should be able to make if she did not consent in the first place. I am horrified to live in a state that does not make exceptions to a woman seeking an abortion brought upon her through incest or rape. Legislation such as HB7 is dangerous to the women in our state. I am a cisgender man. When it comes down to it, I do not believe my say on abortion holds much weight at all because I am not the woman receiving one. Nonetheless, if so many men in Texas are working to restrict abortion access, then it is up to men who care about the women in their lives and their state to defend these rights, stand up, and fight back. Thank you for your time.

Julianna Bell-Clark
Self
Austin, TX
AGAINST

Jennifer Dunaway
Self
Buda, TX

As someone who has called Texas home since I was 3 years old, I'm writing to urge you to vote against HB 7. This bill will hurt Texas families while creating dangerous government overreach into personal medical decisions. I've lived in small rural communities and in both West Texas and the Austin area, and I've watched our state grow over the years. This bill threatens to take us backward and endanger women's health. HB 7 makes things more dangerous for women by limiting access to FDA approved medications that doctors use to treat miscarriages, ectopic pregnancies, and other serious medical conditions. These medications have legitimate medical uses, and restricting their manufacture could create shortages that put women's lives at risk during medical emergencies. The broad language could affect production of medications that serve multiple purposes, potentially causing nationwide shortages of drugs that Texas women need for legitimate medical care. The massive legal liability through qui tam actions will burden pharmaceutical companies and medical providers with expensive lawsuits that will drive up healthcare costs for all Texans. These \$100,000 penalties will force companies to spend millions defending against lawsuits instead of investing in life saving medications. Meanwhile, there's no evidence that current FDA regulations are inadequate for ensuring patient safety when these medications are properly prescribed by licensed physicians. This bill overrides the medical judgment of doctors who understand their patients' individual circumstances and medical needs. It forces doctors to practice defensive medicine instead of providing the best possible care based on their training and expertise. Texas families facing pregnancy complications, miscarriages, or other serious medical situations shouldn't have their treatment options limited by politicians who lack medical training. The jurisdictional provisions create constitutional problems by trying to override other states' laws, which violates principles of federalism that Texas has historically defended. If we want to protect women's health, let's invest in better maternal healthcare access and support for families facing difficult medical situations. Texas has real challenges like maternal mortality rates and healthcare access in rural areas that deserve our attention. The House should reject this government overreach that interferes with the doctor patient relationship and threatens access to essential medications. Texas believes in personal freedom, limited government, and trusting people to make medical decisions with their doctors. This bill contradicts those values by inserting politicians into examination rooms. I refuse to let our state slide into government control over personal medical decisions. Please vote NO on HB 7 and stand up for Texas women who deserve healthcare decisions without government interference.

Nicole Cirino

Self

Austin, TX

Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is Nicole, and I'm here to oppose HB 7. I've worked on an abortion hotline, where I spoke with women making some of the hardest decisions of their lives. One thing was always clear: these decisions belong between a patient and their doctor. Not politicians.

This issue is personal for me. Someone I love miscarried and needed medication to complete it safely. She was almost denied the second dose OF the very medication you are trying to ban that would have kept her from becoming septic. Because she got the care she needed, she's now 18 weeks into a healthy pregnancy. Restricting this medication doesn't just affect abortion, it endangers women who desperately need care in emergencies. I have another friend who did become septic because she was refused care until her life was literally on the line. She is now moving out of state to be able to start a family. We will lose Texans to this bill in many ways, either death or moving to safely start their families.

HB 7 won't stop abortions. It will only make them unsafe. If Texas truly cares about women having babies, we should be investing in families. Make childcare affordable, ensure prenatal care is accessible, give mothers and fathers state sponsored maternity/paternity leave and strengthen schools so women actually want to become mothers.

I urge you to reject HB 7. Trust Texans and their doctors to make personal medical decisions, and focus on policies that help families thrive instead of punishing them.

Thank you for your time.

Rachel Segall

self

Austin, TX

I strongly oppose HB 7. As a woman and mother, I am concerned about the policing of women and their doctors this bill will cause. Private enforcement with large financial incentives shields the state from accountability but encourages vigilante litigation. The state will be bombarded with frivolous lawsuits which do not benefit maternal health. This bill could result in legal chaos and retaliatory laws resulting in national gridlock because it rejects the shield laws of other states. The medications banned are widely regarded as safe medications and banning them will only result in riskier alternatives chosen by desperate mothers. The exceptions are also too narrow and may leave medical providers uncertain on how to move forward. The penalties within this bill are disproportionate and constitute greater fees than many criminal fines, which is punitive and out of line with the Eighth Amendment. Finally, this threatens the privacy of citizens because it encourages investigating the medical needs and prescriptions of neighbors. Texas is already not a safe place to be pregnant and this makes it even less safe.

Paul Comeaux
Self / retired
San Antonio, TX

Please pass HB7 (Woman And Child Protection Act (WCPA)) to help save Women and Babies from chemical abortions, effects of which also pollute our water system.

Our legal system protects the individual by tenets involving “preponderance of evidence”, and “innocence until proven guilty beyond reasonable doubt”. That the pre-born of humans is also human — and innocent — is beyond doubt. Since abstractions such as the question of their “personhood” remain debated from all sides, legal precedents restated as “benefit of the doubt” ought logically to favor protecting the life of the pre-born over permitting their “termination” by any means.

- Texas should be able to protect Texans from companies that sell and profit from abortion pills that hurt people/Texans
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 - Hormonal Contraceptive Chemicals are passed through the chemical abortion and women’s urine and blood into the SWS which cannot be removed from recycled, treated water that is consumed by all residents causing many side effects to humans and humanity, and other animals.

Texas is pro-life, yet over the last dozen years, that mostly focused on stopping surgical abortions, the killing of pre-born children has tragically just mutated to use of chemical abortions. The net effect is that due to the chemical abortion killing pills, the number of pre-born babies being killed remains approximately the same.

It’s critical to know:

- ?•Every "successful" abortion ends a human life.
- ?•Abortion pills are dangerous to women. A groundbreaking study by the Ethics and Public Policy Center, the largest-ever of its kind, examined over 865,000 cases from 2017-2023 and found:
 - 1 in 10 women who take abortion pills suffer serious complications, including hemorrhage, sepsis, and infection.¹
 - ? - These drugs are 22 times more dangerous than the FDA currently reports.²
- ?•In 2023 alone, abortion pills accounted for 700,000 abortions in the U.S., with tens of thousands entering Texas illegally.³
- ?•Women who abort face an 81% higher risk of mental health problems, including anxiety, depression, and substance abuse.⁴

The Woman and Child Protection Act is the next essential step to build on Texas's Pro-Life legacy. The time to act is now.

Leigh Chambless

self

Austin, TX

Bills like this make me question if people such as yourself value women as complete and whole humans. They make me question if you listen to women. I think the answer to both of these questions is a resounding "no". I come from a fundamental Christian background and I know the Bible better than many of my friends. The Bible speaks about the life of the mother having more value than the life of the unborn fetus. Exodus 21:22 states that if a man strikes a pregnant woman and causes a miscarriage, a fine is imposed. However, if the woman suffers further injury or death, a more severe punishment, such as "life for life," is enacted. This difference in penalty is seen by some as assigning a lower value to the unborn. Exodus 21:22 states that if a man strikes a pregnant woman and causes a miscarriage, a fine is imposed. However, if the woman suffers further injury or death, a more severe punishment, such as "life for a life" if the woman is harmed—indicate the fetus has less value than the woman. Introducing bills to become law that place more importance on the life of an unborn fetus, who cannot survive outside of the womb, over the woman who has been brutalized, who cannot care for a child, who wants a child but the fetus in her belly is not viable, these are cruel to the human women standing in front of you. The woman, the human life, has more value than potential (and sometimes not even that) for life.

Leviathan Almonte

Self full time student

San Antonio, TX

I'm Leviathan, I represent my self and I stand in opposition to this bill. Abortions are life-saving medical procedures. People are suffering complications from abortion medication because you have banned them from receiving that care in safe medical facilities. Therefore forcing them to travel outside of the state to get the care they need. For the people that claim to care about the safety of children, you do everything in your power to make life harder for children, for their parents and for everyone.

The right to choose if and when to have children is vital to a person's freedom; it is universally recognized as a fundamental human right. (29) With 16 states outlawing abortion, nearly 63 million people in the United States have lost this right. (30) Pregnancy, childbirth, and the immediate postpartum period account for a tragically high percentage of deaths in America. People living in abortion-banning states are at a much higher risk of maternal death, and long-standing racial inequities in maternal mortality are significantly worse. Does that sound like you caring about the safety of mothers that you claim to be doing in this bill? You don't care about the safety of children or mothers or pregnant people, you care about control. It has always been about you trying to control what people can do with their bodies. I highly advise you vote against this bill.

Laura Rosen

Self

Austin, TX

Very harmful

Carrie King

Self- classroom assistant

Austin, TX

Thank you members, my name is Carrie King and I'm testifying on behalf of myself against HB7. The narrow timelines for testimony today really chap my hide- but at the same time, we shouldn't even be considering freedom-depriving legislation like this in the first place. Representative Leach, this Bill's author, stated that his goal is to focus on "frivolous pre-enforcement challenges" and "court fees". That doesn't sound like protecting women to me. He mentioned manufacturers and distributors breaking current laws, and how we'll need to "deal with that". What about the rampant lawlessness of the Republican caucus of Texas- placing Representatives under House arrest, willingly handing our elections over to the Big Bad Bullies in DC, erasing the separation of church and state? When will we "deal with THAT"?

Leach asserted that no woman would be targeted by this legislation. If a woman is forced to leave the state to acquire abortion medication, that's harmful to the woman. How does preventing safe abortion medication from being legally manufactured and distributed NOT targeting women? I've been pregnant 5 times- 1 abortion, 1 miscarriage, and 3 viable pregnancies. I'm not a data expert, but I'm an expert on my own personal life experiences.

What this Bill disregards is the mental and emotional state of a woman seeking abortion care. Early pregnancy is, hands down, one of the most destabilizing events that a woman will ever experience, whether the pregnancy is wanted or not. If the pregnancy is unviable or unwanted, the anguish grows exponentially as she attempts to acquire health care. If you haven't had this kind of experience first hand, you should not have a front row seat in creating corresponding legislation. This Bill seeks to make it as hard as possible for a woman to access the most popular and helpful form of abortion care in existence today.

Oh but you're not targeting women.

Let women decide. Abortion is healthcare and a human right. The women in my life deserve bodily autonomy. Nobody's asking anyone to take this medication against their will. Just to allow it to be accessible to those who need it.

Stop this persecution and criminalization of women. You aren't protecting women, you're brutalizing and even killing them.

Fellow pro-choice advocates out there, we won't go quietly and we won't back down. Love wins.

Casey Cunningham

Self

Austin, TX

I am adamantly against HB7. It is an invasion of privacy. It not only takes away the right of women to determine their own future but also endangers women who very much want to start a family if a pregnancy isn't viable. It removes access to healthcare. It's an intimidation tactic. It's not about protecting ANYONE. It's about control and it only causes harm.

Nicole Cirino

Self

Austin, TX

Chair and Members of the Committee,

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I urge you to reject HB 7. Trust Texans and their doctors to make personal medical decisions, and focus on policies that help families thrive instead of punishing them.

Thank you for your time.

Amanda Harrier

self / freelance writer

Fort Worth, TX

I am a Texas resident and I urge the members of the House State Affairs Committee to oppose HB 7. As a woman, I'm horrified that we would create a system where cash rewards would be given for turning in those who are seeking healthcare (and those helping them). ABORTION IS HEALTHCARE. Women are suffering and dying in this state due to not having safe access to it. This bill causes more problems rather than protecting people. STOP punishing women, and those who help them, for simply living in this state.

Kerri Furbush

Self - Learning & Development Specialist

Austin, TX

I'm urging you to vote NO on HB 7, the anti-medication abortion bill.

This is the fourth abortion bill that has been placed on Texans, while no bill has been pushed to fix the power grid or provide flood relief. This bill would let strangers interfere in someone's private medical decisions. It would force pregnant people into dangerous situations, isolate them from support, and create devastating legal risks for doctors, family members, and even friends who try to help. This is our friends, family, neighbors, providers, and anyone in and out of state!

As a reminder, SB 31 was recently passed to protect Texas providers, and this would sow confusion amongst physicians trying to provide life-saving abortion care. Unacceptable! The decision to end a pregnancy is complex and personal. It should be made by the pregnant individual and their provider and support, free from government overreach. I urge you to vote NO on HB 7.

Please protect our communities and reject this dangerous bill.

Melissa Covey
Self
San Antonio, TX

My name is Melissa and I am opposing House Bill 7. HB 7 will create a nationwide abortion bounty hunt, further isolating Texans who are seeking medical care and intimidate anyone who helps us. This bill interferes with my personal freedom and right to access essential healthcare. It undermines abortion access for Texans already facing multiple barriers to healthcare. This will further create larger pockets of medical deserts. Texas is already ranked high in maternal mortality, when we should have some of the best numbers. Texas is "bigger and better" right? Birth rates will continue to dwindle as more people lose function of their reproductive organs because a non viable pregnancy was forced to continue. Not to mention the emotional trauma that may result in PTSD. Please listen to the doctors in the field of obstetrics and let those experts freely treat their patients.

This is yet another attempt to turn neighbors into spies, and it is deeply unpopular in our state. Texans have already rejected this approach in Amarillo. Voters voted down the targeting of neighbors who help others access abortion care because we see this for what it is: government overreach. We do not want to be punished for seeking care or see our loved ones sued for offering help.

For years Texans have struggled to access even the most basic healthcare and the abortion ban has only worsened our quality of life. Maternal deaths in Texas have increased by 56%, sepsis rates have surged 50%, and infant mortality has increased by 13%. These are our lives and our loved ones in the heartbreaking statistics. At such a crucial moment, the state government should be doing anything but further criminalizing abortion care for Texans. For these reasons I oppose HB 7.

Elizabeth Kasper, Mrs.
self - Retired
Tomball, TX

It is dangerous to take an abortion pill without an examination to make sure the mother's pregnancy is within the prescribed limits which is 70 days or 10 weeks past the last menstrual period. Mothers have died due to complications. Stop this dangerous practice.

Laura Ramirez-Mann
Self
Buda, TX

Aborting inducing drugs are healthcare that women need. As a Texan, I believe that this is an overstep of our government. The government should not be policing, women's bodies or trying to control women. These medications are safe. We know they are safe. They are used around the world and have been tested and verified by various agencies. A woman should have a choice whether or not she wants to have a child. There are so many reasons why a woman would not want to have a child and those reasons are none of the government's business. As such, we should not make it difficult by punishing manufacturers or providers of these drugs or the women who use them. I oppose this bill.

Wynne Clark, Ms.
Self
Aledo, TX

I had a miscarriage 42 years ago requiring a D & C and medication to clear the tissue from my dead baby in order to prevent infection. Removing these options for women and doctors is having deadly consequences in our state. These are preventable deaths and can be avoided by returning to doctors the ability to prescribe abortion - inducing medications and procedures needed to ensure safety.

Lauren Gray
Self, Designer
San Antonio, TX

Hello, my name is Lauren. I'm writing to express my firm opposition to HB 7 and any other efforts to restrict access to medication abortion, such as mifepristone and misoprostol. HB 7 seeks to completely cut off access to medication abortion from inside and outside of Texas and isolate pregnant Texans from anyone who can help them. All people deserve to have access to safe abortion care without political interference. I urge you to listen to medical experts, not misinformation, and vote NO on HB 7. Thank you.

Innes Walker
Self, customer service
Austin, TX

Abortion is healthcare and bans by the state on which healthcare people can receive are a violation of individuals' bodily autonomy. There is a double standard for uterus—nobody is mandated by law to donate blood to a baby, even if the baby would otherwise die, or to keep a brain dead child on life support, yet the state currently compels countless Texans to put themselves in harm's way for another future person even when they do not want this, and even when the pregnancy is not compatible with life. Medication abortion is safe and it saves lives. This is massive overreach by the state.

Mia Gomez-Reyes
Self - Educator
Austin, TX

I am Mia and I'm writing to express my firm opposition to HB 7 and any other efforts to restrict access to medication abortion, such as mifepristone and misoprostol. HB 7 seeks to completely cut off access to medication abortion from inside and outside of Texas and isolate pregnant Texans from anyone who can help them. This is the fourth abortion ban that our lawmakers are pushing for instead of what Texans need.

Dina Yousef
Self
Denton, TX

I strongly oppose HB 7. This bill seeks to severely restrict access to abortion-inducing medications, a form of health care that is safe, effective, and supported by decades of medical research. Abortion medication is not experimental, it has been used safely by millions of people in the United States and worldwide, with complications far rarer than many other common medical procedures and even less frequent than complications from pregnancy and childbirth itself. By attempting to ban and criminalize the manufacturing and provision of these medications, HB 7 disregards science, medical standards, and the rights of individuals to make deeply personal decisions about their own health and future.

This bill also empowers private individuals to bring lawsuits, creating a system of fear and intimidation where anyone connected to reproductive health care could be targeted. Such "bounty-style" provisions do not protect families, they divide communities, discourage medical providers from practicing in Texas, and burden courts with ideologically motivated cases. Patients in rural areas, young people, low-income individuals, and communities of color will be disproportionately harmed, as they already face systemic barriers to accessing health care.

Reproductive freedom is a matter of personal liberty, bodily autonomy, and human dignity. Politicians should not interfere in private medical decisions that belong between a patient and their trusted provider. HB 7 does nothing to improve maternal health outcomes, reduce the rate of unintended pregnancy, or support families. In fact, it increases risk and suffering by cutting off access to safe care. I urge lawmakers to reject HB 7 and instead focus on policies that expand access to health care, support parents and children, and respect the constitutional rights of all Texans.

Kaybee Brookins

self

austin, TX

I am against this bill.

Mike Guess

Self

Haskell, TX

Please pass these bills

Mike Guess

Self

Haskell 79521, TX

Please pass this bill.

Mike Guess

Self

Haskell, TX

I want it passed

Cynthia Pierro

Self/Life coach

Dallas, TX

Texans and any person in the US has must have the right to be Sovereign regarding their body and what their body produces. This bill is dangerous for our true US rights, for each person's health and well being, for not adding more children that will get stuck in an endless loop of foster care, which comes from tax payers money.

This bill must be stopped Now.

Karen Horgan

self

Fort Worth, TX

I strongly oppose HB7. This is yet another bill that puts the lives of Texas women at risk. There are many reasons why women need abortions to save their lives, or because of fetal abnormalities or fetal non-viability. The government should not have a say so in the medical and health care for women. Stop trying to legislate the reproductive rights and health of women!

Rebecca Broughton, Mrs

Self / housewife

Seguin, TX

I am in favor of HB 7 to protect women from this danger drug that has caused serious injuries and death. Please vote to protect women from the abortion inducing drug.

Jazmin Gonzalez

Self

San Antonio, TX

This is a waste of Texas taxpayer money and time. I want Texans to be able to access all kinds of healthcare including abortion.

Kim Garner
Self
Kempner, TX

Protect the children please!

Perla Muñoz Hopkins
Self/Mother & Volunteer Advocate
Leander, TX

Dear Honorable State Affairs Committee Members,
I strongly support HB 7, The Woman & Child Protection Act, because this bill will help protect vulnerable Texas women, mothers, and their preborn children from the devastating reach by the abortion industry. Please protect Life by advancing HB 7 without delay.

V/r,
Perla Muñoz Hopkins, MA
Policy, Education, Military Family & Parental Rights Advocate

Ava Contreras
self
Austin, TX

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The added trauma and fear that pregnant individuals are currently facing are forced to navigate an unnecessary fourth ban to get the care they need. People deserve to have access to safe abortion care without political interference. I urge you to listen to medical experts, not misinformation, and vote NO on HB 7.

There are women in my family and life who are scared to try to get pregnant because these bans would put their lives at risk if their pregnancies become dangerous or non-viable. Please please have a heart and listen.

Abby Gibson
Self
Kyle, TX

Please vote in favor of HB7.

Ashley Tijerina
Self
San Antonio, TX

The government has NO business controlling women's bodies. Especially when they don't ever make laws against men's reproductive systems.

Bill Gilmer, Dr
self
Houston, TX

Thank you for your work, but conservatives (and liberals) do not need a legislative nanny to tell them what is right. Your and our legislators time and effort would be better served setting the example of honesty, morality and high ethics.

Syble Crandell

Self

The Colony, TX

NO! Abortion is healthcare! Stop making everything harder!

Marliza Marin

Self

Kyle, TX

BANS OFF MY BODY.

Shaney Clemmons

Self

Austin, TX

I oppose HB 7. This bill does not protect Texans — it puts lives at risk and creates unnecessary legal and financial burdens for patients, providers, and the state. Please listen to the medical professionals, patients, and families who will be directly impacted. Texans deserve safe, evidence-based healthcare — not more barriers.

Elizabeth Gravitt

Myself

Arlington, TX

No! I oppose

Jennie King

Self, Registered Nurse

Buda, TX

Dear Members of the Committee,

As a registered nurse, I strongly oppose HB7. This bill creates unnecessary barriers to safe, evidence-based medical care by targeting the manufacturing and provision of abortion-inducing medications.

These medications are FDA-approved and have been used safely for decades to manage miscarriages and terminate pregnancies. They are not experimental, nor are they unsafe. Restricting access to them does not eliminate their need, it only drives patients to unsafe alternatives or forces them to delay essential medical care. I have cared for patients in crisis when timely access to these medications could have prevented complications.

By authorizing bounty-style lawsuits and extending jurisdiction beyond Texas, HB7 puts doctors, nurses, and pharmacists in an impossible position; caught between ethical medical care and the threat of legal retaliation. This is not how we support healthcare providers, nor is it how we protect patients.

As a nurse, my duty is to provide safe, compassionate care. HB7 undermines that duty, threatens the health of my patients, and deepens disparities for rural and low-income Texans.

I urge you to reject HB7. Let healthcare decisions be guided by medical science, not politics.

Laura Carbonneau

Self

Austin, TX

This bill is a despicable overreach of state authority. You may think it's Christian but we were provided the ability to develop medicine to improve our lives by God. God gave us this capability and we should use it and thank him for this ability. These medications provide vital options to women. If you want to promote family and children, instead invest in healthcare and education and food for the hungry and housing for the homeless.

Diana Cason

Myself

Bedford, TX

Good [morning/afternoon], Chair and members. My name is Diana Cason, and I'm here to testify in strong opposition to Senate Bill 7. I am a lifelong Texan and a committed Christian, shaped by my family, my United Methodist Church, and the Holy Spirit. The medications targeted by this bill are safe, effective, and widely used around the world. Restricting them will not protect women—it will harm them. I want to live in a state that cares for pregnant women with actual healthcare. My faith calls me to care for the vulnerable and support those in need. Women deserve access to trained physicians who can, without fear of retribution, counsel them on ALL of their options – including medication abortion.

Even more troubling is the bill's continued reliance on private enforcement mechanisms—offering \$100,000 minimum bounties to incentivize lawsuits against anyone who aids or abets abortion. This isn't law enforcement—it's state-sponsored vigilantism. It encourages neighbors to surveil each other and sue each other for profit. It empowers abusive partners to terrorize women. It endangers healthcare providers, clergy, and even family members for offering compassionate support.

This is not just about abortion. It is about whether Texas will continue down a path where the government pits itself against religion, narrows liberty to only certain beliefs, and turns civil law into an opportunity for private gain.

I urge this committee to reject SB 7 and uphold Texas values of care and compassion.

Thank you.

Daniel Hatcher

self

Pflugerville, TX

Madam Chair, Members of the Committee—

HB 7 is not about safety. It is about punishment. It punishes doctors, pharmacists, and families in their most vulnerable moments.

Let me tell you a story my mother told me from Florida, where laws like this have already torn through people's lives.

A family friend was pregnant and overjoyed to be expecting. Then she got the worst news imaginable: her baby was brain-dead. There was no chance for survival. But because the baby's heart was still technically beating, the law labeled that pregnancy "viable." So she was forced to carry that pregnancy to term—forced to live for months with a child inside her that she knew would never take a breath.

Imagine the agony of that. Every day, carrying hope that had already died. Every doctor's visit, every kick and movement, a reminder not of life, but of loss. And when the day came, she delivered not a living baby, but grief.

That is not compassion. That is not safety. That is cruelty codified as law.

HB 7 creates that same cruelty here in Texas. It doesn't just target abortion—it restricts the very medications used for miscarriage management and lifesaving care. It threatens providers with \$100,000 lawsuits if they act with compassion instead of fear. And it leaves families trapped inside technicalities, punished for realities the law refuses to face.

Representative Leach, you authored this bill. You will say it's about protecting life. But I want you to picture that Florida mother, carrying a brain-dead child because lawmakers thought cruelty was righteous. That is what your bill delivers. Not life. Not dignity. Only suffering.

To the Republican members—you already know Texas has one of the worst maternal mortality rates in the nation. Rural hospitals are closing, OB-GYNs are fleeing, families are left without care. And still, you pile punishment on top of crisis.

And to Vice Chair Hernandez and the Democrats—you are the moral center in this room. Carry this story forward. Say it plainly: these laws force women to endure the unimaginable, to live inside their grief because lawmakers value a legal fiction over their humanity.

HB 7 does not save lives. It prolongs suffering. It doesn't support families. It shatters them.

I urge you—vote no on HB 7.

Catherine Conley

Self

Austin, TX

Abortion should be safe and legal- any further restrictions on the citizens of Texas' ability to have an abortion will only result in physical harm as people try to induce abortions at home.

Elsa Treviño

None

San Antonio, TX

Pass Hb7

Pass Sb8

Please

Gina Cramer
Self
San Antonio, TX

Abortion is healthcare. I strongly oppose HB7

Michele Villarreal-Chandy
Self
Dallas, TX

I am Michele and I oppose HB7.

Susan Barnes
Self
San Antonio, TX

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marina ortiz
self
mcallen, TX
Extremely AGAINST

Jeff Cornwell, Mr.
self; maintenance worker
College Station, TX

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Emily Hayward
Self
Austin, TX

As a Texan and US citizen I believe in accessible and safe abortion care. If we do not have it more women and children will be harmed in non medical abortions. Thank you for your consideration.

Dominique Huerta
Self
San Antonio, TX

I am Dominique and I'm writing to express my firm opposition to HB 7 and any other efforts to restrict access to medication abortion, such as mifepristone and misoprostol. HB 7 seeks to completely cut off access to medication abortion from inside and outside of Texas and isolate pregnant Texans from anyone who can help them. This is the fourth abortion ban that our lawmakers are pushing for instead of what Texans need.

Savannah Wagner

Self

Austin, TX

My name is Savannah, and I am opposing House Bill 7. HB 7 will create a nationwide abortion bounty hunt, further isolating Texans who are seeking medical care and intimidate anyone who helps us. This bill interferes with my personal freedom and right to access essential healthcare. It undermines abortion access for Texans already facing multiple barriers to healthcare.

I have several Texan loved ones who are currently trying to become pregnant. In the event that health or economic uncertainty made abortion necessary for any of them, they would be isolated and in danger both in and out of their home state. I refuse to support a political climate that puts them in danger.

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Missy Smith

Self

New Braunfels, TX

For / In favor of. Will be watching this vote.

Jessica Hawkins

Self

San Antonio, TX

AGAINST

Yusuf Kadar

Self; student

Richardson, TX

This bill:

- Retroactively criminalizes actions that were considered legal at the time they would have been committed
- Makes no exemptions for pregnancy by rape or incest
- Allows for mailing, shipping and distribution of abortion drugs for purposes other than abortion but does not clarify criminality of instances where a distributor is unaware of the drug's nature or purpose
- Grants the attorney general the right to pursue damages or injunctive relief on behalf of unborn children without clarifying who would receive the funds upon a successful claim
- Infringes upon the rights of other states by criminalizing the payment or reimbursement of abortion costs regardless of the location in which the abortion was performed or the laws of that jurisdiction.

Even if unborn children are human beings, their rights should not supercede the rights of pregnant people, whose humanity is undeniable. This bill is an attempt to destroy the latter in favor of granting greater authority to the state.

David Nelson Sr., Mr.

Self

San Antonio, TX

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Sincerely,

David P. Nelson Sr

210.885.5175

Jessica Nelson

Self

Crawford, TX

I strongly oppose HB7. This bill is harmful on multiple fronts. It undermines humanitarian values by targeting vulnerable migrants with increased surveillance and enforcement, putting families, children, and asylum seekers at risk of harm and civil rights violations. At the same time, it expands the state's reach into deeply personal medical decisions by allowing private citizens to sue those involved in providing abortion medication—especially across state lines. This not only threatens privacy and bodily autonomy, but also sets a dangerous precedent of vigilante-style enforcement.

HB7 promotes fear and punishment instead of compassion and care. I urge lawmakers to reject it in favor of policies that respect human dignity and personal freedom.

bobby biggs
self
Burleson, TX

I am a Texas resident, and I urge the members of the House State Affairs Committee to oppose HB 7.

This bill does nothing to protect Texans. Instead, it would allow private citizens to sue anyone who helps a Texan access abortion pills—even if that care happens out of state. That includes friends, family, volunteers, and abortion funds.

HB 7 creates cash rewards for these lawsuits, encouraging harassment, political retaliation, and abuse. It also tries to override laws in other states where abortion is legal.

Regardless of your stance on abortion, this kind of legal overreach should concern everyone. If Texas can do this, what's stopping other states from doing the same for other types of care?

Texans are facing real crises. We need solutions—not more punishment.
Please vote NO on HB 7.

Levi Rosen
Self
Kyle, TX

I oppose

Jacie Sparks
Self, Attendance Clerk with Denton ISD
Denton, TX

I am a Texas resident and I urge the members of the House State of Affairs committee to oppose this bill. Access to these drugs is basic healthcare. The people of Texas deserve access to this healthcare.

Georgia Fitzhugh
Right to Life of Ellis County
Lancaster, TX

Dear Representative Leach, I commend you for bringing this bill and I totally support it. We absolutely must stop the manufacturing and provision of abortion inducing drug, specifically abortion pills, Mifepristone and Misoprostal across our state. This will save lives of mothers and babies.

Mary Agnew
Self
Austin, TX

The Texas House Bill prohibiting the manufacturing and provision of abortion-inducing drugs poses a significant threat to reproductive healthcare and women's rights by limiting access to safe and effective options for early pregnancy termination. This legislation undermines the medical judgment of healthcare providers and disproportionately impacts marginalized communities already facing barriers to healthcare access. By prioritizing political agendas over evidence-based practices, the bill perpetuates stigma around reproductive choices and sets a dangerous precedent for similar restrictions in other states. It is essential to advocate for policies that protect and expand access to reproductive healthcare rather than impose harmful prohibitions.

Cassie Sodergren

Self

Austin, TX

Hello, my name is Cassie Sodergren, and I live in Austin, Texas 78750. I'm strongly OPPOSE House Bill 7.

HB 7 is an extreme and dangerous bounty-hunter bill that expands beyond Texas and would cut off Texans' access to safe, necessary health care. It goes after medication abortion, which has been safely used in the U.S. for over 20 years and would allow anyone, even people outside of Texas, to sue providers and helpers for \$100,000.

This bill would also let strangers interfere in someone's private medical decisions. It would force pregnant people into dangerous situations, isolate them from support, and create devastating legal risks for doctors, family members, and even friends who try to help.

This bill would also sow confusion amongst physicians trying to provide life-saving abortion care, leading to the preventable deaths of more Texans. This, in particular, is a huge concern for me as I am someone who wants to become pregnant but feel I would be safer leaving the state of Texas to do so. I fear dying due to pregnancy complications that could be prevented by listening to the expertise of medical professionals. Regardless, abortion care is reproductive care and its limited accessibility and surveillance around it makes Texas a more dangerous place for birthing people and children.

I'm asking you to vote NO on HB 7. Texans deserve safe, accessible health care, not more punishment, fear, and surveillance. Please protect our communities and reject this dangerous bill.

Pedro Silva

Self, teacher

San Antonio, TX

Stop controlling women's bodies and lives. Let women make their own decisions. Listen to your constituents. Stop this violation of human rights. I strongly oppose SB 7 HB 7. Vote NO on SB 7 / HB 7.

Emily McAnally

Self

Frisco, TX

This bill isn't about "safety", it's about isolating Texans, restricting our rights, and keeping them alone in what may be the toughest period of their lives. This bill is cruel and the cries of "safety" and "pro-life" are not grounded in real science, but judgment of others and the government's desire to pry into the lives of women and families. If you want the birth rate to go up, this is NOT the way to do it—find ways that actually keep women safe and increase our quality of life (access to healthcare, childcare, housing, universal basic income, etc.). However, if you want to increase maternal mortality, you've really nailed it with this bill.

Noah Valdez

Self

San Marcos, TX

My name is Noah Valdez, and I am opposing House Bill 7. HB 7 will create a nationwide abortion bounty hunt, further isolating Texans who are seeking medical care and intimidate anyone who helps us. This bill interferes with my personal freedom and right to access essential healthcare. It undermines abortion access for Texans already facing multiple barriers to healthcare.

I believe that bodily autonomy is especially important in a state that is recognized worldwide as being a symbol of freedom. I see no benefit in preventing undeniably life-saving healthcare (abortions), especially with infrastructure for early childcare that is simultaneously and increasingly being stripped away.

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Kathryn McArdle

Self, software engineer

Austin, TX

I strongly oppose HB 7. This bill interferes with my personal freedom and right to access essential healthcare, and it attempts to turn neighbors into spies at a time when we need community more than ever.

katelyn Mayer, Mrs.

Self

Austin, TX

Everyone should be allowed the right to have an abortion! Everyone's story is different but taking away this right is awful. People should be allowed to have abortions! Our body, our right!

Sean Mayer, Mr.

Self

Austin, TX

Abortion care is health care. Give power back to the people to choose what to do with their bodies. Stop being gross.

Ezra Gomez

Self

Austin, TX

I oppose this bill.

Era Steinfeld

self

Austin, TX

This bill is unconstitutional, a horrible violation of basic human decency, and would be so expensive and impossible to actually enforce. Throw out this bill, we are wasting time on this when we could be talking about FLOOD WARNING SIGN INFRASTRUCTURE !

Rachel Preston

self/teacher

Austin, TX

This bill further access to women's health care and basic human autonomy for women. Vote no, against this bill.

Kathleen Abbott, Ms.

Self, teacher

Austin, TX

The medication is necessary to save mother's lives after miscarriage. The DNC is ancient surgery that causes bleeds. Please don't do this over reach into our personal business. It is hard enough being a mom. Doctors obgs and pregnant women are leaving Texas because of your legislation that endangers us and our children. It will murder moms.

Cheryl Foster

Self

Waco, TX

Please stop trying to kill and harm women. We need the autonomy to protect ourselves ad HB7 will severely restrict that option. Does your misogyny know no bounds?

Ria Stoicovy

Self, insurance

Houston, TX

My name is Ria Stoicovy and I am opposing House Bill 7. HB 7 will create a nationwide abortion bounty hunt, further isolating Texans who are seeking medical care and intimidate anyone who helps us. This bill interferes with my personal freedom and right to access essential healthcare. It undermines abortion access for Texans already facing multiple barriers to healthcare.

People will get abortions regardless of what the state decides to legislate. Those people have a right to safe and easy abortion access.

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Caitlin Macklin

Self homemaker

Austin, TX

I'm asking you to vote NO on HB 7. Texans deserve safe, accessible health care, not more punishment, fear, and surveillance. Please protect our communities and reject this dangerous bill. Women deserve decision making power about our own bodies and families. Unwanted children strain our already meager social services.

Marissa Stewart

Self

Hutto, TX

Stop attempting to legislate women's bodies and what we can do with them. Just full stop. I am a whole person who deserves to make medical decisions for my own wellbeing and not based on anyone's belief system but my own. My life matters, my health matters, and no one should be making these highly personal decisions but me and my trusted physician. Quit wasting tax payer dollars making women second class citizens not trusted to make decisions for themselves.

Evangeline McNabb

Self

AUSTIN, TX

Hello, my name is Eva McNabb, a constituent in Travis County. I'm urging you to vote NO on HB 7, the anti-medication abortion bill.

This is the fourth abortion bill that has been placed on Texans, while no bill has been pushed to fix the power grid or provide flood relief. This bill would let strangers interfere in someone's private medical decisions. It would force pregnant people into dangerous situations, isolate them from support, and create devastating legal risks for doctors, family members, and even friends who try to help. This is our friends, family, neighbors, providers, and anyone in and out of state! Please protect our communities and reject this dangerous bill. I urge you to vote NO on HB 7.

August Garry

Self, editor

Austin, TX

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Maia Cudhea

self

Denton, TX

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Judy Loughrey, Pastor

714 initiative pastor

McKinney, TX

Save women from hemorrhaging as doctors are not following through to oversee these pills!

Robin Rosenstock, Dr

Self

Austin, TX

As a physician, I would like to know who among you has taken and passed a biology course in the past 5 years? You also say this is due to your religion. IT IS NOT IN MY RELIGION! I realize many of you do not recognize actual factual information, so you should leave the regulation to people who do this. What is next? Viagra for male derangement syndrome?

Astrid Cazares Aguirre

Self

San Antonio, TX

Please support this bill. This pills kill human beings in the womb and endanger mothers.

Noelle ODonnell

Self/Self

Buda, TX

Criminalizing abortion creates a ripple effect of harm that extends far beyond those seeking to end a pregnancy. One major consequence is the chilling effect it has on healthcare. When laws criminalize abortion, providers may delay or deny necessary care—such as for miscarriages or ectopic pregnancies—out of fear of legal repercussions. This turns healthcare professionals into legal risk managers and patients into potential suspects. For example, a woman experiencing a miscarriage may be interrogated, refused treatment, putting her physical and emotional health in danger.

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Nipa Sanghani, Dr.

Myself

Houston, TX

These are life-saving drugs. There is no reason to prohibit any of these drugs from being manufactured. Also stay out of healthcare and things you do not understand. Stop being so pompous that you think you know the all th intricacies of healthcare and you think you know better than doctors or the women whose bodies we are talking about.

Patrick Von Dohlen, Texan
San Antonio Family Association (SAFA)
San Antonio, TX

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Monica Fraga

Self

Denton, TX

I am Monica Fraga and I'm writing to express my firm opposition to HB 7 and any other efforts to restrict access to medication abortion, such as mifepristone and misoprostol. HB 7 seeks to completely cut off access to medication abortion from inside and outside of Texas and isolate pregnant Texans from anyone who can help them. This is the fourth abortion ban that our lawmakers are pushing for instead of what Texans need.

Robin Ward

Self

Cypress, TX

Please support HB7 to protect the women and babies in Texas.

Ryan York

Self / Sales Account Executive & Implementation Specialist

Round Rock, TX

My name is Ryan York and I'm writing to express my firm opposition to HB 7 and any other efforts to restrict access to medication abortion, such as mifepristone and misoprostol. HB 7 seeks to completely cut off access to medication abortion from inside and outside of Texas and isolate pregnant Texans from anyone who can help them. This is the fourth abortion ban that our lawmakers are pushing for instead of what Texans need.

Glenda Lauter

Self retired

Tyler, TX

Prohibit the making of these abortion related drugs and have legal consequences from within the state or out of the state if done

paula mcdermott

Self

Austin, TX

This bill will further endanger the lives of Texas women, and empower people with limited information to harass and threaten families who have the right to make their own decisions about what their families need. This does not align with the US or Texas constitutions that honor our citizens rights to self-determination and limited government control. The drugs used to end an early pregnancy are safe and critical for multiple purposes. This bill would have many unintended negative effects and is not good policy. Please vote it down. Sincerely, Paula McDermott

Elizabeth Jones

Self

Bullard, TX

I stand with the prohibition of manufacturing and/or distribution or provision of abortion inducing drugs in my state of Texas.

Joanna Klose

Self

Austin, TX

In the U.S., men are required to register for the Selective Service, meaning the government could one day call on their bodies for military service. But for women in Texas, the state's control is far more invasive and constant—laws restrict their access to reproductive healthcare and strip away their ability to make deeply personal medical decisions. The contrast is stark: men's bodies are only regulated in the rare event of a draft, while women's bodies are policed daily, their autonomy questioned and legislated at nearly every turn. This double standard makes clear that women's freedom over their own bodies is held to a far different—and far harsher—standard.

What makes this double standard even more alarming is that it exists not because of medical evidence or public health, but because of Christian nationalism's growing influence on every level of government. In Texas and across the U.S., laws restricting women's reproductive autonomy are rooted in a particular religious ideology, not in the constitutional values this country was founded on. The irony is glaring: the very founding documents of the United States insist on a clear separation of church and state, yet women's bodies are being governed by religious dogma codified into law. Men are not forced to live under the same kind of constant moral surveillance. This is not just about bodily autonomy—it's about whether we still live in a nation that honors its own promise of freedom from religious control.

Kristen Wicke

self

Austin, TX

My name is Kristen Wicke and I am opposing House Bill 7. HB 7 will stoke fear and intimidation for Texans needing medical care. This bill interferes with my personal freedom and right to access essential healthcare. It undermines abortion access for Texans already facing multiple barriers to healthcare.

Maternal deaths have increased in Texas. Texas women need to feel safe to seek the care they need and know that their friends, family and medical community also feels safe to support them. This bill will do the opposite. Please do not pass this bill. Talk to Texas women about what they are needing from the healthcare system!

David Trussell

Myself

Ladonia, TX

Please get this bill passed!

Tiffany Sipos

self

Austin, TX

Women's bodies are not government property. Men and religious beliefs should not be making decisions about women's bodies!!!!!! This entire situation is absolutely ridiculous! Abortion is not a desirable, quick fix. Women aren't out here just making these decisions to abort lightly regardless of the situation. There are many things at play and considering the WOMAN CARRYING THE CHILD is the only 1 that has to go through the horror show that is birth, SHE should be the only 1 in charge of making decisions about HER BODY. What if we started a new bill for mandatory vasectomies????!! And put all these other stipulations in place concerning men's bodies? Would that be appropriate??? NO IT WOULDNT. LEAVE WOMEN ALONE, WE DONT OWE YOU ANYTHING, LEAST OF ALL OUR BODILY AUTONOMY.

Shanice Brim
Self, Social media Coordinator
Austin, TX

I am Shanice Brim and I am stating my firm opposition to HB 7. Studies have shown that patients who are denied abortion care are more likely to remain tethered to abusive partners trapping them in isolation. As a former abortion clinic worker, I have seen up close how access to self-managed abortion medication is essential to people fleeing violent partners who often use their partner's pregnancies to further isolate them from their communities. I believe that laws that go after helpers of abortion seekers only support these abusive partners in continuing to isolate their partners from support and care. Additionally, I believe that this bill is an attack on healthcare providers who are already feeling the chilling effects of the passage of SB 8 in 2021 which will further increase the death rates we've seen in patients denied miscarriage care due to SB 8 as well. This bill not only puts Texans in danger by denying them healthcare while hamstringing healthcare providers- it supports abusers in frightening away the communities and support systems of their victims. Texans deserve to make their own medical decisions and access to the support they see fit.

Karlo Dieron
Self
Pflugerville, TX

I, Karlo Dieron, write against HB 7 and ask your of your support in opposition of this bill.

Sarah Masterson
Self, Mother
Austin, TX

I am a constituent and I urge you to oppose HB 7 (along with SB 8).

Since the abortion ban took effect in 2021, maternal and infant health outcomes have worsened and countless of Texans and their families have been maimed and traumatized. Instead of seeking to ease the pain caused by this ban, the Texas Legislature promises to make the situation worse by allowing random people suing people who just helped someone access health care. It is the second Special Session of 2025. I urge you to focus your efforts on helping flood victims instead of wasting our time and risking our lives with more bogus anti-abortion bills. Texas does not have exceptions for fatal fetal diagnoses, sexual assault, and incest. Multiple women have died because of Texas's abortion ban. It is disgraceful that efforts to further restrict abortion, instead of expanding access, are on the Governor's priorities.

Please do the right thing and represent the will and best interests of Texas voters!

Carlos Zamora
Self, educational secretary
Weslaco, TX

My name is Carlos Zamora and I'm writing to express my firm opposition to HB 7 and any other efforts to restrict access to medication abortion, such as mifepristone and misoprostol. HB 7 seeks to completely cut off access to medication abortion from inside and outside of Texas and isolate pregnant Texans from anyone who can help them. This is the fourth abortion ban that our lawmakers are pushing for instead of what Texans need. Any restriction on birth control and reproductive health is an insult to the freedoms guaranteed in the Constitution. Anyone who votes in favor of this bill is anti-women and anti-American.

Connie Vuong
self - health and safety advisor
Houston, TX

I urge you to pass House Bill 7, the Woman and Child Protection Act. I strongly believe that every life deserves to be protected, from fertilization to natural death. However, even with our current Pro-Life laws, tens of thousands of abortion pills are mailed into our state each year, killing preborn babies. Texans need more tools to bring about justice for abortionists and activists who send deadly drugs to our communities. Please quickly advance HB 7 through the committee, so Pro-Life citizens can save preborn children and defend their mothers from abortion pills. Thank you.

Laurey Boyd
self
Jonestown, TX

Please close this loophole in our laws to protect us from inveigling abortions in by mail.

Jacqueline Andrade
Self
ARANSAS PASS, TX

Vote against the abortion pill!

Samantha Foss
Self
Austin, TX

Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is Samantha Foss, and I am testifying in opposition to House Bill 7. I speak as someone who loves many people who have had abortions. I know firsthand that abortion is health care, and that access to it is essential to protecting dignity, safety, and freedom.

This bill represents an unparalleled overreach of state power. It attempts to extend Texas' jurisdiction far beyond its borders, punishing people outside of our state for decisions about their own medical care. If passed, HB 7 would create a dangerous precedent in which one state claims the right to control the bodies, choices, and health decisions of people who do not even live here. That is not limited government. That is government intrusion at its most extreme.

This bill does not just target abortion seekers and providers. By authorizing lawsuits and penalties around abortion-inducing medication, it threatens a wide range of medical care. Medications used for miscarriage management, treatment of ectopic pregnancy, and other reproductive health concerns could be swept up in fear and uncertainty. Patients and providers alike will be forced to second-guess critical care, putting lives at risk.

The use of private lawsuits as an enforcement mechanism further weaponizes neighbors against one another. HB 7 invites harassment, bounty hunting, and endless litigation. It undermines the stability of our legal system by rejecting the authority of courts in other states and attempting to override federal protections. If Texas takes this step, other states will respond in kind, creating a patchwork of retaliatory laws that destabilize our entire system of interstate cooperation and respect for constitutional limits.

At its heart, this bill is not about protecting anyone. It is about control. It punishes people who make deeply personal medical decisions and those who support them. It expands government intrusion into private health care and disregards the will of courts and communities outside our state.

I urge you to reject HB 7. Texans deserve laws that respect our freedom, our health, and our constitutional limits, not ones that endanger people here and across the country.

Sally Milavec, Ms
TX IFA
Fredericksburg, TX

Please vote to stop all access to abortion in TX. We need to care for, love and teach our people that they are valuable, capable and loved by God and TX. The abortion pill is a drug of fear, death, unaccountability and hatred. There is no good thing comes from it. TX loses blessing every time access to abortion is allowed in Tx

Heather Ryder

Self

Rosenberg, TX

Hi, my name is Heather Ryder, and I'm calling to ask you to vote NO on any bill that restricts reproductive freedom, specifically House Bill 7. Texans are already living with the dangerous consequences of the total abortion ban. Instead of making pregnancy safer and protecting Texans' right to make decisions about if they want to be pregnant, House Bill 7 further attacks proven and safe healthcare—medication abortion. Please put Texans' health and safety over politics and vote NO on House Bill 7

Karen Brown

my daughter and her husband. Retired

Arlington, TX

Please do not pass this bill. Allow physicians all the tools they need to treat women, especially miscarriage management and emergency pregnancy care. Texas does not need any additional restrictions for women's access to medical care.

Jonathan Carroll

Self

Austin, TX

I stand in opposition to this bill. It is bad for Texans and Texas and it will fail with a constitutional challenge, as no state can legislate laws outside its jurisdiction. But just this simple wasteful act alone harms the most innocent and vulnerable of Texans, has a chilling effect on even the idea of interstate, travel and commerce, and serves no purpose for protecting the people of Texas or advancing our state. This bill must not pass.

Linsey Miller

self

Austin, TX

Texans are already living with the dangerous consequences of the total abortion ban, and two women have already died because they could not get the care they needed due to the ban. House Bill 7 further endangers Texans, disincentivizes women from having children, and is a monumental overstep of the state government into the personal healthcare of its citizens. It is a disgrace to the state of Texas and the country. It cannot come to pass.

Bill Holt

self

Austin, TX

This bill does NOTHING to protect Texans and is mired in a legal overreach seldom seen even in the Texas legislature. What's to stop California or any other state (other than their own good sense, which Texas politicians seem to have run out of) from passing a law to punish anyone who buys or helps someone else buy a Whataburger? It simply opens a legal avenue to harass, retaliate and abuse for people who should be minding their own business.

Elizabeth Hardage
Self/IT Consultant
Richardson, TX

I am asking you to vote NO in HB7. This bill will only make it harder for medical professionals to assist Texans undergoing the loss of a pregnancy and force pregnant people into dangerous situations.

The 'bounty hunter' provision will allow abusive partners or other parties to harass pregnant people even when there is little or no proof that the pregnant individual used an abortion-inducing. There are non-abortion uses for these drugs, such as to treat Cushing's syndrome, and there is a real risk that people who are using these drugs for other reasons will also be accused and harassed.

If you are genuinely concerned for the health and well-being of pregnant people and their fetuses, please focus on prenatal care, food and housing assistance, and other economic and personal issues that may drive a pregnant person to consider abortion in the first place.

Thank you.

Carolyn Hopkins
Self
Missouri City, TX

This a bill introduced out of disinformation and fear mongering. This is NOT out of concern about the safety of women. This is in an effort to isolate and vilify trans people who are just quietly living their lives. Who have no interest in assaulting women. This bill is meant to invoke fear within that community. How would such a bill be enforced without subjecting a person identified as being transgender without a humiliating exam and undue invasion of privacy. Vote no on this bill and focus on assisting the families affected by the July 4th flood, and other REAL issues which affect those you are elected to represent.

McKenzie Weitzel
Self - Real Estate Agent
San Antonio, TX

My name is McKenzie Weitzel, and I am writing to oppose the proposal that would allow the state of Texas to sue anyone who helps another person access medication abortion.

I share this not as an abstract policy debate, but as someone directly impacted. I have had an abortion. It was the right decision for me, and I was fortunate to have access to safe, legal care. That decision gave me the ability to move forward with my life, and I am grateful every day that I was trusted to make the choice that was best for me.

This proposal does not advance health, safety, or freedom. It threatens Texans by punishing friends, family members, clergy, healthcare workers, or even strangers who simply provide support. By weaponizing the legal system against people who care for one another, the state is not protecting life — it is creating fear, stigma, and unnecessary harm.

Medication abortion is a safe, proven, FDA-approved medical option. Restricting access to it does not eliminate the need for abortion — it only drives people into isolation, desperation, and unsafe circumstances. The people who will suffer most under this policy are not wealthy Texans with resources to travel, but young people, low-income families, and rural residents who already face barriers to healthcare.

Beyond health consequences, this proposal sets a dangerous precedent. If Texas can sue people for helping someone with a private medical decision, what stops the state from targeting other personal healthcare choices in the future? Today it is abortion. Tomorrow it could be birth control, fertility treatments, or end-of-life care. Texans value freedom, privacy, and the ability to make decisions for themselves without government interference. This law directly undermines those values.

Punishing compassion is not a Texas value. We are a state known for community, for neighbors helping neighbors, for family members supporting one another through difficult times. A law that turns acts of care into acts of liability runs counter to who we are.

I urge you to reject this proposal. Texans deserve healthcare policies rooted in trust, compassion, and freedom — not fear, punishment, and government overreach.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sara Lyons
Self
Houston, TX

1. Abortion is healthcare
2. I thought republicans were the party of freedom - why are you trying to legislate women's bodies, rather than letting us make decisions with our healthcare providers
3. Misoprostol is a valuable drug for many maladies besides abortive care.

Emily Goodman
Self, attorney
Fort Worth, TX

The state's continued overreach when it comes to the healthcare of women is absurd. Texas republicans claim to be the party of small government, walk the walk or be voted out.

Michael Knuffke, Mr.
San Antonio Family Association
Bulverde, TX

To whom it may concern,

The pro-abortion advocates have simply swapped the bloody surgical abortion procedure over the years, to the mail ordered abortion drugs without medical oversight or prescriptions.

We must protect women and the child in Texas, defending and protecting these vulnerable people is what the Texas legislation is meant to do.

Women without oversight, confused and feel as if they do not have a choice are being preyed upon by both in state and out of state actors that have zero desire to truly help the women and certainly not the baby.

Over the past 10 years, it has become very clear that the abortion numbers are virtually the same and now appears to be increasing due to the abortion pill by mail network. When did it become okay for any governmental entity to promote the death of an innocent baby, risking moms at the same time, potentially destroying the sacrament of marriage, and the family unit?

We must protect woman and children with illegal manipulation to sue activists and business that coerce them into something unhealthy or deadly, completely stop abortions in Texas, and allow the attorney general to prosecute criminals the violate state law.

It is only good that a state like Texas promotes life, Marriage, and family for domestic prosperity, tax base, wholesome homes, solid citizens, and a workforce for the betterment of the world.

I urge you (all legislators) to vote for the second special session of 2025, HB 7, to completely shut down these abortion pills by mail networks from ever doing business in the great pro-life State of Texas.

Jennifer Shin
Self, IT Support Specialist
Pflugerville, TX

This is just a continued attack on women's bodily rights and autonomy and an overreach of government.

Harper Metcalf
Self
Amarillo, TX

I am Harper Metcalf, a resident of Amarillo, and I'm writing to express my firm opposition to SB 7 and any other efforts to restrict access to medication abortion, such as mifepristone and misoprostol. SB 7 seeks to completely cut off access to medication abortion from inside and outside of Texas and isolate pregnant Texans from anyone who can help them. This is the fourth abortion ban that our lawmakers are pushing for instead of what Texans need.

I have seen first hand the devastation caused by limiting access to essential healthcare.

Texas demands you vote NO ON HB7

Zoe Cortez
Self / Freelancer
Austin, TX

"Hi, my name is Zoe, and I'm asking you to vote NO on any bill that restricts reproductive freedom, specifically House Bill 7. Texans are already living with the dangerous consequences of the total abortion ban. Instead of making pregnancy safer and protecting Texans' right to make decisions about if they want to be pregnant, House Bill 7 further attacks proven and safe healthcare—medication abortion. Please put Texans' health and safety over politics and vote NO on House Bill 7."

Mary Sample
Self - Human Resources Manager
Flower Mound, TX

I am writing to ask you to vote NO on any bill that restricts reproductive freedom, specifically House Bill 7. Texans are already living with the dangerous consequences of the total abortion ban. Instead of making pregnancy safer and protecting Texans' right to make decisions about if they want to be pregnant, House Bill 7 further attacks proven and safe healthcare—medication abortion. Please put Texans' health and safety over politics and vote NO on House Bill 7.

Diane Turner
Self
Adkins, TX

My name is Diane Turner and I am opposing House Bill 7. HB 7 will create a nationwide abortion bounty hunt, further isolating Texans who are seeking medical care and intimidate anyone who helps us. This bill interferes with my daughters' personal freedom and right to access essential healthcare. It undermines abortion access for Texans already facing multiple barriers to healthcare. Stop claiming to be pro-life and attempting to pass legislation that is dangerous for women. Being pro-forced birth doesn't help the people of Texas. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Austin Mills, Mr
self Manager
Carrollton, TX

I OPPOSE this and urge you to vote NO. Medication and medical care should be between patients and their doctors, and not interfered with by the state.

mag franzoni
self
The Woodlands, TX

i urge to start respecting women and their health and vote NO on this horrible short-sighted bill!!

Emily Edwards
self, Accounting Assistant
Dallas, TX

Providing women with reproductive care as opposed to restricting and criminalizing it would do more to keep women safe especially given the high maternal mortality rate in Texas. Please do not pass this bill, we do not need more restrictions surrounding reproductive freedom and care. We barely have these freedoms as it is and making it harder to access this type of care won't solve any problems, it will make them worse. Also, but preventing counter actions is just further proof of the measures to promote authoritarianism.

As far as the bill's proposals regarding border protections go, it seems obvious that attempts at increasing border security are not actually meant to protect anyone but solely serve as a way to condone bigoted attitudes towards immigrants. The money that would be spent "securing the border" could do more good if it was used on actual things that Texans need - reproductive education and care, infrastructure, and combatting homelessness, etc. to name just a few.

Carolyn Hopkins
Self
Missouri City, TX

I believe that the difficult decision to continue or abort a pregnancy should be between the woman and her doctor. This is NOT a decision that lawmakers should be involved in at all. I do not agree with banning access to a woman the medication to terminate her pregnancy should be a matter of legislation either. Legislators who support this and other bills which claim-to be pro-life need to look at all of the cuts to Medicaid and Medicare. That is Not not being pro life. You are endangering the life of mothers, children and seniors and disabled. Do not tell me that you are pro life. Do not pass this bill.

Marcia Solmes
Self - retired RN
Cleburne, TX

I strongly support the ban on abortion -inducing drugs. Besides killing life, they are not safe for the mother. Both situations are not in the interest of the individuals, our state and our nation

Emerson Braun, Mr
Self
Dallas, TX

I oppose HB 7. Banning abortion care makes all pregnancy dangerous. When someone begins experiencing a miscarriage they are no longer able to sit in the grief but now wonder if they will die because they can't get proper medical care. Putting a bounty on people needing help and on providers doing their jobs to provide life saving care hurts absolutely everyone. This bill would kill people en masse.

Nadia Guillen, Mrs.
Self
San Antonio, TX

Please pass HB 7 (Woman and Child Protection Act (WCPA) to help save women and babies from chemical abortion

Chase Norris, Mr.
myself
San Marcos, TX

These bills are an affront to liberty and to human dignity.

HB 7 seeks to criminalize not only abortion itself but the very tools by which people exercise control over their own bodies. It weaponizes the law to punish compassion and to block courts from defending basic rights. The effect is persecution—forcing people to suffer for wanting to live freely.

SB 8 goes even further by intruding into personal spaces, erasing the right of individuals to exist safely in public life. It sets neighbor against neighbor with bounty-style enforcement, not unlike the most shameful laws of our history.

Abortion is a human right. The right to bodily autonomy, to self-determination, to live how one chooses—these are the foundations of liberty itself. John Stuart Mill wrote that the only justification for power over another is to prevent harm. Yet these bills do the opposite: they cause harm while stripping away freedom.

If Mill could see this legislature, he would roll in his grave. Lawmakers who advance these bills betray the very principles of liberty they claim to uphold.

Heather Beard, Mrs.

self, executive director of a pregnancy resource center

Port Lavaca, TX

I am writing today in strong support of this legislation because it reflects a deep commitment to the dignity of human life and the protection of women. Abortion-inducing drugs are often presented as an easy solution, but in reality, they take the life of an unborn child and leave women vulnerable to serious physical, emotional, and spiritual harm.

Too often, these drugs are given without proper medical oversight, leaving women to suffer complications alone. Beyond the physical risks, many women experience grief and regret that can last a lifetime. No mother should have to walk through that pain without support. This legislation sends a clear message that Texas values both mothers and their children and will not allow dangerous chemical abortions to be pushed in our communities.

I currently serve as the executive director of a pregnancy resource center in South Texas that provides compassion, hope, and help to men and women facing unplanned pregnancies. Earlier this year, two different women came to our center expressing their desires to have an abortion. Each woman took a pregnancy test and had an ultrasound with our sonographers. Each woman was found to have viable pregnancies. Each woman chose to go to Mexico and obtain the abortion pills from a pharmacy. Each woman returned to our pregnancy center after taking the pills. One woman had a complete abortion and the other woman was still pregnant with a viable pregnancy.

Obtaining abortion pills online and through the mail is dangerous to the women who take these pills. There is no requirement for proof of ultrasound and estimated due date, no requirement for follow up care, and no way to ensure the pills mailed are the pills the woman desires.

I also appreciate that this bill strengthens accountability and ensures that outside pressures or court rulings cannot override the protections Texas has put in place. By authorizing stronger enforcement mechanisms, including qui tam actions, it empowers citizens to play a role in defending life and upholding the laws of our state.

Bruce Hank Stevens

Grassroots

Fredericksburg, TX

I vote YES for this bill!

Kimberley Mead

Self

Austin, TX

I oppose this. Doctors and their patients have a right to determine treatment. Women are trustworthy in the decisions they make for their circumstances, health, and wellbeing.

Alex Donovan

Self, Event Coordinator

Austin, TX

I'm writing to express my firm opposition to HB 7 and any other efforts to restrict access to medication abortion, such as mifepristone and misoprostol. HB 7 seeks to completely cut off access to medication abortion from inside and outside of Texas and isolate pregnant Texans from anyone who can help them. People deserve to have access to safe abortion care without political interference. If you don't like abortions, don't get one. You cannot impel a person to sustain another "life" via their body. It is a human right and has been since the concept of medical personhood has been understood. The legal status of the soul of a fertilized egg has always been a concession to the injection of Christian philosophy being used as a debate in legal definitions. A person should never have to sustain another life against their will - it is a violation of human rights.

This is the fourth abortion ban that our lawmakers are pushing for instead of what Texans need. Where is the bill concerning flood relief? Where is the bill concerning fixing the power grid? Where are the bills concerning literally anything other than hurting the people you dislike? Why not focus on making people's lives better instead?

Nancy Stevens
Grassroots
Fredericksburg, TX

I support this bill to end babies being aborted and endangering women's lives.

Emma Sursa
Self
Pflugerville, TX

I am writing to express my opposition to hb7. This bill uses the word protection in it however that is not for pregnant people. This bill does not protect pregnant people it controls them. The leading cause of death of pregnant people is domestic violence however there is no bill placing stricter policies on domestic violence abusers. Instead this allows the abuser to control a pregnant person when trying to get legal Health Care. These abortion-inducing drugs are Healthcare and you are not doctors and are not affected by the choices of pregnant people. Your jurisdiction will not reach out of Texas and what you are doing is wasting our tax dollars and time to try to instill fear. Your own Congress colleague who fought for to take away abortion has allegedly paid for abortions. I urge you to to pass on this bill and focus on actually protecting your citizens and their rights not your special interest groups that pay you way too much money to fight against your constituents.

Jennifer Palermo, Ms.
Self
Houston, TX

Please oppose HB 7 as it is harmful to the health and well being of Texans who have a right to enjoy the freedom to have autonomy over their health and bodies and families.

Natalie Buch pancorbo
Self
Del Valle, TX

I'm a Texas resident and I strongly oppose this bill. I urge the house state of affairs committee to oppose HB 7 and the harmful impacts it will leave across many communities. Leave abortion access in the hands of pregnant people and their physicians.

Auburn Rutledge
self
Austin, TX

This bill is a coordinated assault on bodily autonomy that targets both reproductive freedom and trans justice, and is part of a broader authoritarian playbook for controlling the citizens of this country and taking away their freedoms of choice. I oppose HB 7 and its attempt to further criminalize the ability of people with uteruses and others who need this medication, or who require other care in- or out-of-state; and I oppose its use of bounty hunters, which will only make all of us less safe. Do not support this bill.

Elaine Fleming, Precinct Chair Hunt Co. Republican
Self
Celeste, TX

I support the provisions in SB 7 .

Kay Wendeborn, Humanatarian
Self
Wichita Falls, TX

Honestly. Texas has become a pro birth state. Women are allowed to die because of pregnancy complications. By no means it it anyone's right to deny treatment or judge a woman. You people vote for this should be ashamed of yourself. I don't know how you can sleep

Sophia Santoyo

Self

Garland, TX

In a state where birth mortalities are increasing due to hesitancy surrounding treatment of ectopic pregnancies and miscarriages, this bill will only further the issue that women in Texas face. It is a deadly one.

Roe v. Wade was the law of the land for more than fifty years. Freedom of choice, where a woman decides what she is to do with her own body and with her family, is a hallmark of freedom of life, liberty and happiness.

As a law student, woman, and caring person, I urge our legislature to strongly reconsider this bill.

It is unsafe for women everywhere.

Rachel Rosen

Self

Austin, TX

I comment today as a mother, a daughter, and a concerned Texan whose heart aches for the safety, dignity, and rights of women in our state. I urge you to vote against HB 7 because it will cause real harm to real people.

First, this bill endangers critical medical care. Denying access means forcing people to suffer, and sometimes to die, when safe treatment could have been available.

Second, this law turns neighbors against one another. This is not how we care for one another as Texans.

Third, it undermines faith and conscience. This bill intersects dangerously with religious freedom, and that is not right.

And finally, it deepens Texas' maternal health crisis. We already face some of the highest maternal mortality rates in the nation. We should be focusing on care, not bans.

Women—not state laws—should be making decisions about their bodies.

I believe Texas should be a place where empathy, care, and health—not lawsuits and fear—guide our policies.

Thank you.

Lea Roberts

Self

Leander, TX

The government should stay out of women's health care. Health care is between a patient and their licensed doctor. All data points to abortion procedures being 90% for medical reasons. Stop limiting women's access to health care and trying to control our bodies.

Laura Walters, Rev.
Grace Presbytery PCUSA
Dallas, TX

TESTIMONY AGAINST HB7, Second Special Session 2025
Rev. Laura Walters, J.D., M. Div.

My name is the Reverend Laura Walters. I'm an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church USA. I represent PC-USA churches all over North Texas. I am also an attorney licensed in the State of Texas – went to UT Law. I am speaking today AGAINST HB7.

I'm not here today to address the Abortion Pill Ban Policies of HB7. I not going to talk about what the Bible says or doesn't say about abortion (Jesus never prohibits this widely used procedure.) I'm not going to talk about the fact that not even Mary is forced to create Jesus' life – God gives Mary a choice. And I'm not going to speak about how our scriptures say life begins at first breath.

I can't talk about any of those things, because today I must speak to one line in the bill - Sec. 171A. that says chapter 110 of the Civil Practice and Remedies Code does not apply to any action brought under this bill. Do you all know what section 110 is? I didn't until a colleague told me, and then I was shocked.

This bill says the Texas Religious Freedom Restoration Act does not apply to actions under this bill. Texas RFRA, signed by George W Bush with bipartisan support, is intended to protect Texans and Texas churches from being sued for doing what they believe. It allows all of us a cause of action if the government burdens those religious freedoms.

Amending Texas RFRA sets a dangerous precedent. You won't be able to put the toothpaste back in the tube. Other policy topics will be affected. Imagine a judge does not want to marry a same sex couple because of religious beliefs, like in the Hensley case, that freedom now protected under Texas RFRA is vulnerable because of HB7.

You can't carve out what religious freedoms are and are not protected based on what you believe. That's not how religious freedom works.

And the litigation allowed under this bill could shut down many, many churches who are barely scraping by. I'm asking you stop using religion to push your own agenda. Protect Texas churches' religious freedoms.

Karen Phillips, Ms
Self
Alvin, TX

I am a Texas resident and taxpayer, and I urge the members of the House State Affairs Committee to oppose HB 7.

This bill does nothing to protect Texans. Instead, it would allow private citizens to sue anyone who helps a Texan access abortion pills—even if that care happens out of state. That includes friends, family, volunteers, and abortion funds.

HB 7 creates cash rewards for these lawsuits, encouraging harassment, political retaliation, and abuse. It also tries to override laws in other states where abortion is legal.

Regardless of your stance on abortion, this kind of legal overreach should concern everyone. If Texas can do this, what's stopping other states from doing the same for other types of care?

Texans are facing real crises. We need solutions—not more punishment.
Please vote NO on HB 7.

Chelsey Youman
Alliance Defending Freedom
Scottsdale, TX

THE POST-DOBBS ABORTION LANDSCAPE

Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization, the U.S. Supreme Court decision overturning Roe v. Wade and returning the authority to protect the unborn to the people, drastically changed the nation's abortion landscape.

Twenty states protect children in the womb from abortion before 18 weeks. And many states, like Texas, protect children from the beginning of their lives (from conception). State law after Roe made our society a safer and more hopeful place for children in the womb and their mothers. Texas led the nation by expanding its unprecedented Thriving Texas Women program, establishing the largest network of care for vulnerable pregnant women in history.

But in response, abortion activists doubled-down on their efforts to undermine the life-affirming laws and policies of pro-life states and to shift the narrative to undermine the impact of Dobbs. For example, the pro-abortion research group, the Guttmacher Institute, claims that, in 2024, the number of abortions performed in the United States reached its highest point in twelve years: 1,038,000 children in the womb died by abortion. In an act of joint defiance of the rule of law, 23 states enacted unprecedented and unconstitutional "shield" laws. These provisions undermine the ability of pro-life states to hold abortion providers accountable who illegally end the lives of Texas children.

Abortion activists continue to push abortion drugs, even in states with robust life-affirming laws. While women continue to receive surgical abortions at abortion clinics, most abortions now occur at home with a two-drug abortion regimen. This abortion drug regimen now accounts for 63% of all abortions in the United States. In protective states like Texas, the drugs are advertised online by out-of-state suppliers and illegally delivered through the mail. Abortion drug trafficking has grown into a booming industry, and children in the womb and their mothers are paying the price.

The impact of the illegal shipping of abortion drugs into Texas and other states on women's health and well-being cannot be understated. A woman who receives the dangerous drugs by mail is left to have her abortion all alone without any care or oversight from a doctor. She receives no preventive testing such as a physical exam, diagnostic ultrasound, accurate dating of her pregnancy, or blood tests.

Abortion drug trafficking leads to increased complications for women, including undetected ectopic pregnancies, failure to detect rH factor incompatibility, sepsis, hemorrhage, and even death. And when these complications arise for roughly 1 of every 25 of these mothers, she may not have immediate access to critical health care services.

Another devastating result of abortion drug trafficking is increased incidents of forced abortion, abuse, and crimes against women. Mail-order abortion enables sexual predators and human traffickers to continue perpetuating abuse.

As discussed below, Hou

Cindy Skinner

Self

Lago Vista, TX

I strongly oppose HB7, which, if enacted into law, will constitute a profound threat to public health, women's autonomy, and fundamental human rights.

Far from being a dangerous or unnecessary procedure, medication abortion with mifepristone and misoprostol is a safe, effective, and crucial component of comprehensive healthcare, empowering individuals to make deeply personal decisions about their bodies and lives.

Opposing such bans is not merely a political stance, but a defense of evidence-based medicine and individual liberty.

First, the safety and efficacy of medication abortion are unequivocally supported by decades of scientific research and medical consensus. Mifepristone, in combination with misoprostol, has been approved by the FDA for more than two decades and used safely by millions globally.

Studies consistently demonstrate a low rate of serious complications – often less than 1% – making it safer than many common medications, including penicillin or Viagra. (Why not ban Viagra? It's less safe, and is designed to create a condition that could result in a woman's pregnancy.)

Beyond safety, medication abortion offers significant benefits to women's health and well-being. This is particularly vital for individuals in rural or underserved areas, especially as numerous rural Texas hospitals are expected to close. Denying this option disproportionately impacts marginalized communities and exacerbates existing healthcare inequities.

Crucially, banning medication abortion infringes upon the fundamental principle of bodily integrity and the right to make one's own healthcare decisions. Every individual possesses the inherent right to control their body and determine their reproductive future. Restricting access to medication abortion denies this autonomy, forcing individuals into unwanted pregnancies or potentially unsafe alternatives. This undermines a woman's capacity to direct her own life, including her educational pursuits, career, and overall well-being, as well as the stability of her existing family.

In conclusion, HB7 an affront to sound medical practice, equitable healthcare access, and individual liberty.

Vote HB7 down.

Krista Gaston

self

Elgin, TX

abortion is healthcare. all people deserve access to reproductive healthcare. men and women both should have full access. the only people making decisions about bodies should be a person and their doctor. Additionally, I have known several people who needed medically supported abortions to address miscarriage complications. Folks who were hemorrhaging and could've died. these were not self-inflicted, these were natural body behaviors. and in 2025 we have the medical knowledge on how to support folks throughout their experience with childbirth!

Candice Whack

Self

Fort Worth, TX

Hello, my name is Candice Whack. The attempt to further limit pregnant people from access to bodily care and autonomy is disgusting and unhelpful. The added stress of navigating even more limited options in this state with the stress of pregnancy will continue to lead to more death. People deserve to have access to safe abortion care without political interference. This is another facet of fascism that is descending upon this country and specifically this state. Listen to the medical experts, listen to the science, listen to the people this directly impacts. Conspiracies only belittle the already low reputation of this state and serve only to continue perpetuating pain and suffering. Vote NO on HB 7, your constituents do not want this. Thank you.

Zoey bennett
self
austin, TX

I oppose this bill. It does not represent what Texas should be standing for. Safe, mandated abortion-rights are for all.

Lilia Montes
San Antonio
San Antonio, TX

I am writing to oppose HB 7 bill. Reporductive rights have been long topics of discussion by the wrong people. These discussion should be with the person and their doctor, not through legislation. This bill is creating more harm then any possible good. Another way to divide neighbors and criminalize vulnerable populations. We, the people, deserve to make their own decisions on how to take care of their bodies in Texas or outside of Texas. This is relentless power that should not be enacted. Vote No to HB 7

Teri Bates, Mrs
Self
Corsicana, TX

Do not allow abortion drugs in Texas. Murder is murder and these are no different than a standard abortion.

Kourtni Ivory
Self
Mount Pleasant, TX

My name is Kourtni. I'm writing to express my firm opposition to HB 7 and any other steps set in motion to restrict access to medication abortion, such as mifepristone and misoprostol. HB 7 seeks to completely cut off access to medication abortion from inside and outside of Texas and isolate pregnant Texans from anyone who can help them. This bill is stripping away rights and healthcare to people that deserve a state that advocates for our health and safety.

Colton Borger
Self/Assistant Logistics Manager
Round Rock, TX

I am harshly against HB 7. By denying women the use of birth control, it will force women to lose jobs and tank the Texas economy further. According to your statistics provided in 2017, women comprise of 48% of the workforce. With their positions in the state government, as well as the businesses they own throughout the state of Texas, being placed in a position where they will no longer be able to participate in the workforce will damage the Texas economy even further. The industry growth that has been seen in Texas has only worked and improved due to the growing workforce that includes hiring women, which now has risen to 72.3% of the workforce in America according to Forbes.

Strike down this bill, allow women to work, and provide them the tools to continue to work.

Ann Brennan
self
Round Rock, TX

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This undermines a woman's capacity to direct her own life, including her educational pursuits, career, and overall well-being, as well as the stability of her existing family.

HB7 an affront to sound medical practice, equitable healthcare access, and individual liberty.

Vote HB7 down.

Lu Ann Howell, MS

self

AUSTIN, TX

I am a resident of Texas and I oppose HB 7. This bill further restricts a woman's right to make choices about her health and safety. One state government does not have the right to tell a person what they can lawfully do in another state. The abortion laws are determined by states and as citizens of the United States, citizens should have the right to lawful care and to make decisions where they choose, within the boundaries of the United States. Texans deserve freedom, dignity and the ability to make decisions about their own bodies. Please oppose this bill.

Shane Matthews

Self

Austin, TX

I'm writing to express my firm opposition to HB 7 and any other efforts to restrict access to medication abortion, such as mifepristone and misoprostol. HB 7 seeks to completely cut off access to medication abortion from inside and outside of Texas and isolate pregnant Texans from anyone who can help them. This is the fourth abortion ban that our lawmakers are pushing for instead of what Texans need.

Joanne Doering

self

Georgetown, TX

I would like to see this bill pass into law to save lives - both the baby's and the mother's. This is a barbaric and dangerous medication.

Heidi Bray

self

Austin, TX

I strongly oppose HB7, which, if enacted into law, will constitute a profound threat to public health, women's autonomy, and fundamental human rights.

Far from being a dangerous or unnecessary procedure, medication abortion with mifepristone and misoprostol is a safe, effective, and crucial component of comprehensive healthcare, empowering individuals to make deeply personal decisions about their bodies and lives.

Opposing such bans is not merely a political stance, but a defense of evidence-based medicine and individual liberty.

First, the safety and efficacy of medication abortion are unequivocally supported by decades of scientific research and medical consensus. Mifepristone, in combination with misoprostol, has been approved by the FDA for more than two decades and used safely by millions globally.

Studies consistently demonstrate a low rate of serious complications – often less than 1% – making it safer than many common medications, including penicillin or Viagra. (Why not ban Viagra? It's less safe, and is designed to create a condition that could result in a woman's pregnancy.)

Beyond safety, medication abortion offers significant benefits to women's health and well-being. This is particularly vital for individuals in rural or underserved areas, especially as numerous rural Texas hospitals are expected to close. Denying this option disproportionately impacts marginalized communities and exacerbates existing healthcare inequities.

Crucially, banning medication abortion infringes upon the fundamental principle of bodily integrity and the right to make one's own healthcare decisions. Every individual possesses the inherent right to control their body and determine their reproductive future. Restricting access to medication abortion denies this autonomy, forcing individuals into unwanted pregnancies or potentially unsafe alternatives. This undermines a woman's capacity to direct her own life, including her educational pursuits, career, and overall well-being, as well as the stability of her existing family.

In conclusion, HB7 an affront to sound medical practice, equitable healthcare access, and individual liberty.

Vote HB7 down.

Linda Pryor

Self/ self employed

Lockhart, TX

No!

Linda Pryor

Self / self employed

Lockhart, TX

Oppose

Audrey Douglass

self

Burnet, TX

Dear representatives,

Haven't you taken enough personal rights away from your own citizens? Or do you crave power, control, and coercion so much that you will stop at nothing to control the people you represent? This relentless effort around abortion does nothing to help Texans with the real issues we face about economics, unemployment, healthcare, and safety. Instead it is a distracting efforts to appease a loud minority voice when the majority of Texans actually disagree with this effort. Abortion is an incredibly complicated topic and the decision to have an abortion is deeply personal and does not belong in the hands of politicians. It belongs in the hands of the families facing this decision - it's always a heartbreaking situation accompanied by grief and loss of what might have been, and frankly, it is no one's business to get involved and push their external beliefs onto an already complicated and sad situation. It certainly does not belong in the hands of obviously corrupt politicians who have repeatedly shown themselves to be self-serving and immoral in their actions as they approach legislation in Texas. I wish I had more faith that you, our representatives, would care about ALL Texans and do good work to improve the welfare for all of us. But over the last decade, it has been nothing but greed, power, and control - all at the cost of doing good for humanity, just as Jesus teaches us. I urge you to vote against this abortion legislation and for once, let families have a voice in how they handle this deeply personal choice.

Renee Waghalter

Self clergy

Missouri City, TX

This bill would put women's health in danger. Pro-life should mean the life of the mother as well. It is further against my religion to prohibit abortion and abortion medications

Amanda Zurawski

Self

Austin, TX

I was denied an abortion in 2022 when I was miscarrying a very much wanted baby girl at 18 weeks. My husband and I were devastated at the loss and terrified of what could happen to me as a result of being denied care. Three days after being diagnosed, our nightmare happened: I crashed into septic shock because my doctor was unable to terminate my doomed pregnancy. My husband rushed me to the hospital so doctors could save my life. Does this make him a criminal under your newly proposed ban? Should a husband have to hesitate, to question, whether he should help his dying wife for fear that he may go to prison for doing so?

After stabilizing my vitals so I could deliver our baby girl, I crashed into another bout of septic shock. I was transferred to the ICU and remained in the hospital for a week, where my doctors battled to keep me alive. With this new bill, do you believe they should be incarcerated for saving my life?

Although my fertility remains permanently compromised, I was lucky to survive. Others haven't been so lucky. Abortion bans in our state are already killing Texans, and you want to make it worse with this monstrous bill. This bill will accomplish nothing except to further incite terror in women, doctors and families not just in Texas but across the country. You are making women to be second-class citizens. If this bill passes, even more Texans will die, and the blood will be on your hands. It is your job to protect the people you are supposed to represent, not demean and demoralize us. It's time to do your job and vote against this heinous bill.

Catherine Martinez

Self - coordinator

Austin, TX

This is a misuse of public funds to restrict the bodies of those of us that have uteri. This does not make women or children safer. This does nothing to help society at large because forcing people to gestate a fetus does not translate into caring for a child. These attacks on reproductive healthcare aren't going to bring up birth rates in Texas or nationally because if someone does not want to or is incapable of having a child this will not stop them. Not should you want to stop them when the State isn't even able to provide adequately for the children that are here. This will harm the people who have miscarriages and their families. It is laws like this that led me to having an invasive surgery to ensure that I could never be forced to carry a fetus to term and all the complications that go along with that. The best thing you can do if you want fewer abortions in this state is to provide adequate support and healthcare to all Texans instead of wasting everyone's time and resources on things like this.

Saber Walters

Self, musician

Austin, TX

I believe the state should not control the manufacture of these medicines. That is too much governmental involvement.

Gaylyn DeVine

Self/Business Owner

Pearland, TX

Thank you for hearing this critical legislation. Abortion-inducing drugs are dangerous and life threatening to minors, and women of all ages often without any medical oversight, support, prescriptions or instructions. We must do better to protect Texans from these out of state drugs that seek to circumvent our laws. Please vote in favor of HB7 and pass this legislation without delay.

CRISTIE SCHLOSSER

self

Dallas, TX

HB 7 (Anti-Medication Abortion): This cruel bill allows anyone to sue someone who helps a Texan access medication abortion, even in states where it is completely legal. It is a gross overreach designed to trap Texans into forced pregnancy. It will create a bounty for those assisting anyone in receiving abortion care, which is dangerous and ridiculous.

Beth Reyburn

self - personal trainer and coach

Austin, TX

Are you planning to open people's mail as well as get up into their health business? Access to health care is between a patient and their doctor. You claim to be against big government but you certainly want to be involved in our personal lives.

Betty Adkins

714 initiative member

Hockley, TX

Support both these bills

Donna Harris

Self

Dripping Springs, TX

Please ban the abortion pill from coming into Texas. Thank you

Amy Ardington
Democratic Women of Brenham
Bellville, TX

Enough with your overreaching legislation with respect to women's health and the ability of highly-trained doctors to practice medicine! You folks fall far short of doctors in your education and work experience. One can only ponder the unconstitutional implications with respect to out of state courts and out of state actors that are contained within this bill. You waste the time of so many and precious judicial resources on all your nonsensical and often unconstitutional legislative efforts. Look at the fate of your silly 10 Commandments Law! Isn't your time better spent helping actual people and not fretting over fetuses, many of which aren't viable? Just ask women like me who have had miscarriages. Oh, wait! That won't happen -- that would involve listening to an actual human being and a woman! Horrors!

Ernesto Hernandez
Self
Amarillo, TX

Ban it. There are only 2 Gender male and Female 2 Restrooms Men and Women

Alicia Gomez
Self Semi retired
San Antonio, TX

As a Texan, I oppose the manufacturing of any medication that takes the life of present and future Texans.

Kim Collins Gilby
Self/Organizer
Cedar Park, TX

I strongly oppose HB7. If enacted, this bill would endanger public health, strip women of their autonomy, and erode fundamental human rights.

Medication abortion using mifepristone and misoprostol is not dangerous or unnecessary—it is safe, effective, and a vital part of modern healthcare. For decades, it has empowered individuals to make deeply personal choices about their bodies and their futures.

Opposition to HB7 is not just political. It is a defense of science, evidence-based medicine, and the core principle of individual liberty.

The facts are clear: medication abortion has been FDA-approved for over twenty years and used safely by millions worldwide. Research consistently shows serious complications occur in less than 1% of cases, making it safer than many widely used medications—including penicillin or Viagra. If lawmakers are worried about safety, why not ban Viagra, which carries greater risks and exists solely to create conditions that can lead to pregnancy?

Beyond its proven safety, medication abortion is especially critical in rural and underserved communities, where hospital closures are accelerating and access to reproductive healthcare is shrinking. Denying this option will disproportionately harm marginalized Texans and worsen existing healthcare inequities.

Most importantly, banning medication abortion is an assault on bodily autonomy. Every individual has the inherent right to make decisions about their own healthcare and reproductive future. Restricting access forces people into unwanted pregnancies or unsafe alternatives, jeopardizing their education, careers, health, and families.

HB7 is an attack on sound medicine, equitable healthcare, and fundamental freedom.

Please vote NO on HB7.

Jane Milligan
Self
New Caney, TX

Before you were in the womb I knew you. A bortion is murder. Not to mention this pill is great danger to the mother. How about morality. History proves a moral decay is the beginning of the downfall of every civilization

Amy Garcia
self
Richardson, TX

I'm a Texan, and I'm asking you to oppose HB 7.
This bill doesn't make our state safer or stronger. Instead, it opens the door for private citizens to sue anyone who helps a Texan access abortion pills, even if that care happens legally in another state. That means friends, family members, volunteers, and even charitable organizations could be targeted.
HB 7 sets up cash incentives for lawsuits that will only fuel harassment, political retaliation, and abuse. It also tries to override the laws of other states, which is government overreach no matter where you stand on abortion.
If Texas can pass a law like this, what's to stop other states from doing the same in areas of health care that matter to us and our families?
Texans are dealing with real challenges right now, and we deserve real solutions—not more punishment.
Please vote NO on HB 7.

Alex Robinson, Mr.
Self
Austin, TX
HB7 FOR banning abortion pill

Traci Richardson
Self
Anderson, TX

Please pass this bill. You are being prayed for.

Pamela Davis court
Self
Austin, TX

Please support the prohibition of abortion pills.

Arlet Sustaita

self

Wylie, TX

My name is Arlet Sustaita, and I am opposing House Bill 7. HB 7 will create a nationwide abortion bounty hunt, further isolating Texans who are seeking medical care and intimidate anyone who helps us. This bill interferes with my personal freedom and right to access essential healthcare. It undermines abortion access for Texans already facing multiple barriers to healthcare.

This is yet another attempt to turn neighbors into spies, and it is deeply unpopular in our state. Texans have already rejected this approach in Amarillo. Voters voted down the targeting of neighbors who help others access abortion care because we see this for what it is: government overreach. We do not want to be punished for seeking care or see our loved ones sued for offering help.

For years Texans have struggled to access even the most basic healthcare and the abortion ban has only worsened our quality of life. Maternal deaths in Texas have increased by 56%, sepsis rates have surged 50%, and infant mortality has increased by 13%. These are our lives and our loved ones in the heartbreaking statistics. At such a crucial moment, the state government should be doing anything but further criminalizing abortion care for Texans. For these reasons I oppose HB 7. People in the state of Texas deserve safe abortions without the fear of being hunted by the state.

Efrain Diaz

self

Seagoville, TX

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Elyse Elsenbrook

Self

Houston, TX

I write to OPPOSE HB 7. It is a continued overreach by this legislature on the subject of abortion. There is still such ambiguity after the fallout of all of this prior legislation, leading to traumatic experiences for so many women across this state. Does that even matter? HB 7 complicates an avenue for medical providers, practicing under existing laws, to provide care to patients. I urge this committee to consider, as we continue to proceed with such legislation, these are vastly experience with medical professionals where there are personal consequences. In addition to the toll that refusing care because of such laws takes on doctors and patients alike, We are seeing medical professionals steer away from our state because of bills like these.

Further, I cannot understand this infatuation with civil litigation with this topic and its continued pursuit. I am personally exhausted by some of these bills that permit excessive litigation from anyone, that seems like a common sense thing we would want to avoid not encourage. But it seems because it's abortion-related and SB8 went unscathed in the courts, just seems like suing your neighbor, romantic partner, or ex is a-ok around here.

I truly am exhausted from this states continued attacks on healthcare, in the guise of “ protecting unborn children and their mothers from the harm of abortion”, as to ignore the thought and decision making that goes into having (or not having) a child. Decades of having this right for individuals to decide with their health providers, but now it's this legislature's (and those it empowers to sue) decision that does not provide beneficial outcomes for Texans but confusion and fear... but maybe that is what you all are going for.

Leave HB7 behind. Please oppose this bill.

Frank Netscher

Self tech worker

Austin, TX

This is a bill that will make my daughter and wife at risk for reasons outside of their control. Personal responsibility means starting a family you can support, and this does the opposite.

Melanie Sutton

self - Licensed Professional Counselor Supervisor

Houston, TX

My name is Melanie Sutton and I am opposing House Bill 7. HB 7 will create a nationwide abortion bounty hunt, further isolating Texans who are seeking medical care and intimidate anyone who helps us. This bill interferes with my personal freedom and right to access essential healthcare. It undermines abortion access for Texans already facing multiple barriers to healthcare.

As a therapist, I have worked with many clients who have needed abortions. Without access to safe, legal methods and providers, these individuals would be left in isolation without the basic healthcare they need; thus threatening their lives.

It is abhorrent that our local government would reward citizens for essentially bounty hunting their friends, family members, and neighbors. Texans have already rejected this approach in Amarillo. Voters voted down the targeting of neighbors who help others access abortion care because we see this for what it is: government overreach. We do not want to be punished for seeking care or see our loved ones sued for offering help.

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Laura Russell
Self, Resource Database Curator
Houston, TX

My name is Laura and I am opposing House Bill 7. HB 7 will create a nationwide abortion bounty hunt, further isolating Texans who are seeking medical care and intimidate anyone who helps us. This bill interferes with my personal freedom and right to access essential healthcare. It undermines abortion access for Texans already facing multiple barriers to healthcare.

Children should not be forced to be born into a poor quality of life, into a country turning fascist led by a dictator, into a heating world our leaders are doing nothing to protect that will soon be uninhabitable. Women are autonomous beings and religion has no place in government, and men have no business telling women what they can or cannot do with their bodies. These attempts to restrict abortion are not about protecting children or the sanctity of life, and purely about controlling women.

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Meagan Lavender
Self
San Marcos, TX

Please oppose HB 7. Women and their loved ones deserve the choice to take these medications. This is a violation of their rights.

Sam Hinkhouse
self, Engineer
Houston, TX

SB 7 / HB 7 is dangerous because it is designed not just to restrict abortion care but to punish anyone remotely connected to it. By banning the distribution and manufacture of abortion medication, it isolates pregnant Texans from safe, evidence-based care and spreads fear among providers across the country. This isn't just a local restriction—it deliberately reaches across state lines, destabilizing healthcare access everywhere. In effect, it transforms private health decisions into a battleground where the state claims control over bodies, medicine, and even intent, while leaving ordinary people more vulnerable and less safe.

The bill also weaponizes citizens against each other. By deputizing neighbors as bounty hunters, it encourages surveillance, suspicion, and betrayal instead of trust and care within communities. It grants the attorney general sweeping, unprecedented powers to target people without evidence, undermining due process and creating a chilling effect that will ripple far beyond abortion care. This kind of legislation is authoritarian in spirit—it replaces medical expertise with political punishment and prioritizes ideology over the freedom to make personal healthcare choices. At its core, my opposition is simple: I believe women deserve the right to make decisions about their own bodies without the state—or their neighbors—policing them.

Kristin Harvey
Self as training professional
Austin, TX

This bill over reaches an already terrible bill further. As a female Texan the only people who should have say over what medical decisions I make are myself and my doctor. The govt and now private citizens should not have any access to my medical information or get to weigh in my own medical decisions. This is not the state I grew up in. That state understood we are responsible adults who don't want to live in a nanny state.

E Branagh

Self

Austin, TX

Opposed to this bill. Stop trying to turn Texas into a vigilante state. If you were truly pro-life, you would be supporting bills that focused on maternal health, and medical, food and educational support for children and their families but instead we get these performative bills. Do something real!

Nneka Iheanacho

Self

Houston, TX

My name is Nneka and I am opposing House Bill 7. HB 7 will create a nationwide abortion bounty hunt, further isolating Texans who are seeking medical care and intimidate anyone who helps us. This bill interferes with my personal freedom and right to access essential healthcare. It undermines abortion access for Texans already facing multiple barriers to healthcare.

Abortion is healthcare and a community good.

This is yet another attempt to turn neighbors into spies, and it is deeply unpopular in our state. Texans have already rejected this approach in Amarillo. Voters voted down the targeting of neighbors who help others access abortion care because we see this for what it is: government overreach. We do not want to be punished for seeking care or see our loved ones sued for offering help.

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BJ McCurley

Self

Austin, TX

I oppose HB7 because it takes safe medical options away from women, hands private health decisions to bounty-hunters in court, and leaves taxpayers with the bill for endless lawsuits. It's government overreach that risks real people's health and wastes public resources.

Lindsay Saunders

Self

Austin, TX

This bill is unacceptable for healthcare requirements in Texas. It not only puts women at risk, it pits Texans against Texans. The restriction of this healthcare not only affects women who would like to have an abortion for personal reasons but also those who have non viable fetuses with no heart beat that need to be cleared for the woman's safety as well as those who need it for life saving reasons. The same medications used for medication abortion is used to manage the loss of a nonviable fetus (a missed miscarriage or fetal demise), and this is a common practice in obstetrics.

Trouba Derrick

Self

Austin, TX

Strongly support

Rachel Currier

Self

Austin, TX

Please oppose this bill. Abortion bills are medically safe and this bill actively restricts a patient's right to make decisions about their own healthcare. This would have severe impacts on texas citizens' bodily freedom and treatment choices. The fact that it is even being discussed is a disgrace. It's unpopular among constituents. Please oppose!

Lisa Janssen

Self

Austin, TX

I strongly support this bill in the protection of women and children

Marianne Reat, Ms.

Self, retired attorney

Austin, TX

I strongly oppose HB 7 that creates a \$100,000 bounty reward to turn in someone who assists someone else in accessing abortion care. This kind of bounty system is hugely detrimental to communities and promotes division, surveillance, invasions of privacy, and retribution. By doing this, you are creating a system that encourages people to make false accusations and to cause suspicion and distrust among community members. It is a terrible idea, even if you think abortion pills are wrong. Please don't harm our communities by passing this bill.

Wendy McCurley, Mrs

Self

Austin, TX

Please stop trying to control women and their bodies. It is our choice as women to care for ourselves as we see fit. When you take abortion care away this just leads to numerous unwanted children that end up in the foster system and without a mother and father most times. When you take abortion care away you are literally FORCING unwanted children to be born to parents and either cant afford to care for a child and know that the child may suffer in this world. Honestly, I would never want a child to have to grow up in this horrific political climate. And finally, this bill just pushes more people out of Texas to other states and countries for that matter. This is a sick bill and should not pass.

Enedelia Saucedo

Self

Denton, TX

I am a Texas resident and registered voter and I strongly oppose HB7 and the harmful impact it causes in our community. We have a right to health care that we believe are best for us, no one else.

Katie Spence

self

Austin, TX

I write in opposition to HB 7 I watched the testimony in the committee hearing for this bill and it's counter part in the regular session. Rep. Leach and others say that misoprostol and mifepristone are dangerous for people to be taking at home, without the care of a medical provider. The reason folks are taking these pills at home is because of the abortion bans already in place. This bill tries to solve a problem created by this very body. Repeal the bans and people will once again be able to go to their doctors to receive care.

If this bill were to pass, it would target the manufacturer of this medication. Though the bill allows for the legal manufacturing and distribution of mifepristone, it seems to ignore the fact that there is actually only one manufacturer in the US. So if it is sued, it could then stop producing the medicine that is very much needed for people in places where abortion is still legal, people experiencing miscarriage, and other non-pregnancy related circumstances.

These medicines are safe, there are tens of studies that show adverse effects happen in fewer than 1% of patients who take it using telehealth. Please do not pass HB 7 out of committee. Thank you.

Jacqueline Taylor

self

Austin, TX

Please vote no on this bill. Texas already has several bills in place that ban abortion. How many bills do y'all need to quell your obsession with abortion and preventing women from receiving the healthcare they need? The previous bills are already killing and harming Texans who want to keep their babies, by preventing them from receiving life-saving procedures during pregnancy complications . This bill is a complete waste of my tax dollars and as a Texan, I don't want it. The Texas ledge should stop wasting our time and resources on frivolous and redundant bills and start focusing on passing flood relief.

Sophia Mirto

self

Austin, TX

Leach won't be happy until all the women of Texas are dead. These bills kill women, they leave families without a mom, and they are a grave violation of individual liberty. Fucking stop passing abortion bans.

Candice Kuzov

self

Frisco, TX

I am writing today to oppose HB 7.

I'm a mother of 3 who has been pregnant 8 times with my husband of 18 years, all WANTED pregnancies. Two miscarriages ended in natural abortion, one miscarriage was aided by a medical abortion pill prescribed by my OB to complete and one miscarriage required a medical abortion procedure.

Then when a miscarriage happened in late 2020, my OBGYN had decided to only renew the GYN of their license and was planning to tell me I needed to find a new OB. The ultrasound tech found no heartbeat and measured 11-12 weeks gestation. I was at fatal risk of infection which I could detect if I developed a fever. My doctor told me to go to an ER early the next morning.

The ER ultrasound tech measured the fetus' gestation to be 15 weeks or more which didn't make sense with my conception window or my tracked HCG levels. But how am I supposed to argue? They said they were sorry but they couldn't provide care because at that time abortions were banned after 15 weeks.

I waited two weeks, checking my temp every hour to detect fever so I could sprint to the ER before I left my living children without a mother.

I was scheduled on my new OB's on-call day, I checked into a hospital L&D department. Instead of a 20-minute procedure where I would've been unconscious, I spent HOURS having tablets manually and ungracefully applied directly to my cervix to force it wide enough to deliver (which usually takes the body 9 months to prepare for). Extremely painful and I was given nothing for it. I then got an IV of Pitocin to induce labor. They repeatedly increased dosage because AGAIN, my body wasn't prepared for birth. After birth, we found out it was a boy and he was treated as a stillbirth. The post-birth measurement was 12 weeks confirming my OB's measurements.

Stillborn babies require death certificates. We were told to pick a name right then or his death certificate would say "Baby X". Then we were told we had to pick a funeral home to either have him buried or cremated. We were told otherwise it would be unlawful disposal of a body and a legal mess. After, we owed money to the hospital for labor & delivery, to each doc and costs for cremation and an urn. In comparison, the 20-minute procedure just cost us for an in-office procedure. I also required trauma/grief counseling and medication for a couple years.

It's been almost five years and this was BEFORE Texas banned ALL abortions with no gestational age limit at all. We weren't given the liberty to decide any of it ourselves.

Texas: What you're doing is wrong. If you think you're out here SAVING babies, it's not. You're hurting families. We count on Texans lawmakers to protect us. Why was my life not worth as much? I just can't understand why these politicians don't care at all about us or our lives. My other kids need their mom. THAT BABY WAS WANTED. We need Texas' PROTECTION, not its self-righteous moral superiority, prejudice, intolerance and lack of empathy.

Please oppose HB 7.

Ana del Rio

Self

Round Rock, TX

This bill does not represent my views!!! Women are humans. Women have rights, we are not cattle, Texas. Women's health matters. Proper healthcare matters. Doctors, who have the knowledge, whose JOB it is to have the knowledge, should pass judgment calls, not legislators. This is backwards and archaic, and it is hurting Texans.

Nick Bozas
Self Actor
Lewisville, TX

Relating to prohibitions on the manufacturing and provision of abortion-inducing drugs, including the jurisdiction of and the effect of certain judgments by certain courts within and outside this state with respect to the manufacturing and provision of those drugs, and to protections from certain counter actions under laws other than the laws of this state; authorizing qui tam actions.

Carolina Salmeron
Self
Houston, TX

Hello, my name is Carolina and my zipcode is 77021. I'm urging the committee to OPPOSE House Bill 7.

HB7 is an extreme and dangerous bounty-hunter bill that would cut off Texans' access to safe, necessary health care. It targets medication abortion, which has been safely used in the U.S. for over 20 years, and it would allow anyone — even people outside Texas — to sue providers and helpers for \$100,000.

This bill invites strangers to interfere in private medical decisions. It would force pregnant people into dangerous situations, isolate them from their families and communities, and create devastating legal risks for doctors, family members, and even friends who try to help.

HB7 would also cause dangerous confusion for physicians trying to provide life-saving abortion care, leading to preventable deaths of Texans.

Texans are proud to make our own decisions without government interference. I'm asking you to vote NO on HB7. Texans deserve safe, accessible health care — not more punishment, fear, and surveillance. Please protect our communities and reject this harmful bill.

Respectfully,
Carolina
Houston, TX 77021

Aram Azadpour
Self
Grapevine, TX

Thanks to Republican Texas State Lawmakers, we have near total ban on aboration and publicly available data shows some 30,000 unwanted pregnancy due to rape and incest has occurred in Texas. Wonderful, pad yourselves on your back for banning legal, rational, and as a women's healthcare. Would Texas Republican Lawmakers pass law to fund childcare for those some 30,000 unwanted rape based pregnancies in Texas until those are at least 18 years of old (fund for housing, food, healthcare, and education)! So sad that Texas' ban on aboration is even "more" irrational than that in existence in Iran! In Iran, aboration is allowed for rape and incest and when mother's life is in danger! Congrats that Texas Republican Lawmakers are even more closed minded than Iranian mullahs!

jeanette Sanchez
Self
Houston, TX

MY BODY MY CHOICE

Emilie Cooksey

Self

Houston, TX

As someone who has lost all respect for Texas politicians after being pregnant while some of these outrageous laws against women's healthcare have gone into place, shame on you for not listening to Doctors or science and putting women and girls further into harm's way. These laws are not making us safer but creating more risk and are cruel. I do not support HB7 and request all lawmakers that still try to listen to their constituents to vote in the best interest of the people in their state and vote against this law.

Becca Hartmeier

Self

Plano, TX

This bill is very dangerous as it lets strangers interfere with someone's private medical decisions. It would force pregnant people into dangerous situations, isolate them from support, and create devastating legal risks for doctors, family members and friends who try to help. This bill would also sow confusion amongst physicians trying to provide life saving abortion care, leading to the preventable deaths of more Texans. Please vote no on this bill.

Camila Romney

self- mother

Murphy, TX

Texas does not stand for freedom. Texans can't even get respite from your intrusive government overreach by reaching out to providers in another state. This is hatred of women. This is control of women.

Michelle Affek

Self

Rowlett, TX

To Members of the Texas Legislature,

As a Texas resident and an informed voter, I'm writing to strongly oppose the proposed legislation targeting abortion medication, judicial authority from outside the state, and the use of qui tam lawsuits to enforce these restrictions.

1. Medication abortion is safe, legal, and standard medical care.

The FDA-approved drugs mifepristone and misoprostol have been used safely for over 20 years, with major medical organizations—including the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists—confirming their safety and effectiveness. There is no scientific or medical basis for banning their manufacture or distribution.

2. This bill puts lives at risk and deepens existing disparities.

Texas already ranks near the bottom in maternal health outcomes. Further restricting access to abortion medication will increase delays in care, force people to carry nonviable pregnancies, and disproportionately harm low-income, rural, and marginalized communities. This isn't just a reproductive rights issue—it's a public health crisis in the making.

3. Qui tam lawsuits weaponize the legal system.

Allowing private individuals to sue others over alleged violations of this law is not about justice—it's about intimidation. It mirrors the deeply flawed SB8 strategy, which has already had chilling effects on providers and patients. Turning citizens into enforcers of personal medical decisions is not how law should work in a free society.

4. The bill creates legal chaos by rejecting the authority of other jurisdictions.

Trying to ignore or invalidate court rulings from outside Texas opens the door to legal instability. The Full Faith and Credit Clause exists to maintain consistency between states. Disregarding it risks endless legal battles that waste taxpayer dollars and violate constitutional norms.

5. Doctors shouldn't be criminalized for providing evidence-based care.

This bill pressures healthcare professionals to choose between following best medical practices or protecting themselves from lawsuits. It will worsen the ongoing healthcare worker shortage in Texas and discourage qualified providers from practicing here.

This proposal is not about protecting health or life—it's about control. Texans deserve policies that reflect medical evidence, legal integrity, and respect for personal freedom.

Please vote NO on this harmful and regressive legislation.

Matthew Finger

Self

San Antonio, TX

This is not a flood bill and the flood needs to be addressed. Also, stop making laws about women's bodies and abortion. This is just big government overreach and nothing more. Shame on y'all.

Jacqueline Andrade
Self
ARANSAS PASS, TX

Hello Representative, I urge you to pass House Bill 7, the Woman and Child Protection Act. I strongly believe that every life deserves to be protected, from fertilization to natural death. However, even with our current Pro-Life laws, tens of thousands of abortion pills are mailed into our state each year, killing preborn babies. Texans need more tools to bring about justice for abortionists and activists who send deadly drugs to our communities. Please quickly advance HB 7 through the committee, so Pro-Life citizens can save preborn children and defend their mothers from abortion pills. Thank you.

Todd Howell
self
San Antonio, TX

HB 7 Women and Children Protection Act Testimony

Thank you Representative King and all those in support of HB-7, the Women and Children Protection Act Testimony.

My name is Dr. Todd Howell. I am a board certified Family Physician. I practiced Obstetrics early in my career and have many years' experience in ER Medicine. I am also a retired Lt Col in the USAF.

The abortion pill mifepristone accounts for 2/3rd's of all abortions nationwide and essentially all the abortions in Texas. There has been a 500% increase in ER visits for pregnancy loss associated with mifepristone.

It is not safe, but is effective in ending the life of an unborn person. Mifepristone blocks the essential hormone progesterone. The FDA gave approval only with multiple requirements including 3 separate physician visits. These requirements have essentially all been dropped. Only the requirement to report death.

The FDA has only required reporting of death from taking mifepristone for abortion and all other reporting is voluntary. A recent FDA update from June 23, 2025 provided by the new administration found 151 deaths from review of the available data. The previous review stated only 36 deaths.

Review of insurance data reported by the Ethics and Public Policy Center, 4/28/2025 reviewed claims from 865,000 mifepristone abortions from 2017 – 2023. 10.93% experienced serious adverse effects.

This data revealed the following:

12,531 cases with severe infection, including 824 cases with sepsis.

29,915 with profound hemorrhage, 1257 requiring blood transfusion.

3,062 ectopic pregnancies.

24,563 requiring surgical evacuation (surgical abortion) for retained tissue of pregnancy.

It is not safe and we should do everything possible to stop this assault on the women of Texas.

Mary Anderson
Self
Houston, TX

I oppose HB7. It is abhorrent to me that anyone would think that a woman is not capable of making her own medical decisions. This viewpoint is inherently in opposition to women being considered equal to men under the law.

My friend nearly died in her second pregnancy because she was not able to get a. Abortion in Texas. I support her ability - and the ability of all women to make whatever medical decision is right for her and oppose HB7. Stop interfering in medical care that you don't understand.

Evan Boston
self
Austin, TX

Family planning, women's health, and reproductive rights should be left up to the woman in question and her doctor. Period.

Mary Wood
Self, veteran
Pflugerville, TX

I do not support this bill. These drugs are very safe and should be available to Texans. Please stop wasting government resources and provide resources for the flood victims and flood recovery.

Karey Pustejovsky
Self
Prosper, TX

To the members of the Texas Legislature,
I am writing to express my profound opposition to HB 7, relating to prohibitions on the manufacturing and provision of abortion-inducing drugs. This bill is not about public health or safety; it is a thinly veiled attempt to further restrict reproductive healthcare access in our state by creating a new and dangerous legal framework.

The bill's use of a "qui tam" action, which allows private citizens to sue anyone who manufactures, distributes, or provides abortion medication, is a cynical and harmful mechanism. It creates a system of "bounty hunters" who stand to profit from the suffering of others. This framework has already shown itself to be ineffective in its stated goal of deterring out-of-state providers, yet it has had a severe chilling effect on healthcare professionals, who fear frivolous lawsuits and legal harassment. This bill will not stop the flow of medication but will instead create a climate of fear and uncertainty that will disproportionately harm vulnerable Texans.

Furthermore, this legislation risks impeding access to essential, life-saving medication for reasons other than elective abortion, such as miscarriage management. The broad and poorly defined language could ensnare doctors and pharmacists, leaving them hesitant to provide necessary care. This is a direct assault on the patient-doctor relationship and puts the lives of Texans at risk. HB 7 is an extreme and punitive measure that will not serve the people of Texas. It will only sow division, create legal chaos, and make it more difficult for Texans to access the healthcare they need. I urge you to vote against this bill and to instead focus on policies that support the health and well-being of all Texans.

Kaitlin Cruise
self
Lewisville, TX

Texas representatives need to be address disaster relief and preparedness before anything else. It is dangerous and a disservice to Texans to waste time addressing a bill that we know will harm birthing people of Texas. I have witnessed countless people testify how bills such as these make it more dangerous to have a child in this state because the life of the person doing the birthing is not prioritized. This lack of access to health care will cause higher maternal death rates in a state whose rates are drastically climbing. People are dying in this state because of the legislation prioritized. Texans do not want limits to abortion care. We want disaster preparedness. We want healthcare that actually serves us and is affordable. We want people of color to be equitably represented. Focus on what the people are begging for in this state rather than your personal profits.

Emily Weems

Self

Houston, TX

My name is Emily and I am opposing House Bill 7. HB 7 will create a nationwide abortion bounty hunt, further isolating Texans who are seeking medical care and intimidate anyone who helps us. This bill interferes with my personal freedom and right to access essential healthcare. It undermines abortion access for Texans already facing multiple barriers to healthcare.

Abortion access is a private matter between a woman and her doctor. As a Texan, if my baby god forbid died inside of me before being born or had fatal abnormalities I should be able to make the choice to use medically safe methods to end the pregnancy. Forcing me to have no alternate but to travel out of state to get this need met is depraved and cruel. Making it harder for Texan women to get safe medical care is unjust and wrong.

This is yet another attempt to turn neighbors into spies, and it is deeply unpopular in our state. Texans have already rejected this approach in Amarillo. Voters voted down the targeting of neighbors who help others access abortion care because we see this for what it is: government overreach. We do not want to be punished for seeking care or see our loved ones sued for offering help.

For years Texans have struggled to access even the most basic healthcare and the abortion ban has only worsened our quality of life. Maternal deaths in Texas have increased by 56%, sepsis rates have surged 50%, and infant mortality has increased by 13%. These are our lives and our loved ones in the heartbreaking statistics. At such a crucial moment, the state government should be doing anything but further criminalizing abortion care for Texans. For these reasons I oppose HB 7.

Frank Casso

Self

San antonio, TX

My name is Frank, and I am opposing House Bill 7. HB 7 will create a nationwide abortion bounty hunt, further isolating Texans who are seeking medical care and intimidating anyone who helps us. This bill interferes with my personal freedom and right to access essential healthcare. It undermines abortion access for Texans already facing multiple barriers to care.

I believe bodily autonomy is a fundamental human right. Every woman — and every person — deserves the dignity of making their own decisions about their health and their future without government intrusion. I care deeply about abortion access because I know what's at stake when people are stripped of their ability to choose: their safety, their well-being, and in too many cases, their lives.

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At such a crucial moment, the state government should be protecting our health and freedom — not criminalizing abortion care. For these reasons, I strongly oppose HB 7.

Breiana Herrera

Self

Georgetown, TX

This is a violation of women's right, every one of every color and gender should have the rights to their own body.

Cameron Douglas, CPA

The Texan People

Irving, TX

Abortion Care = Health Care. This country was founded on the principles of freedom for ALL and the separation of church and state. This bill aims to directly take rights away from women and girls; something that does not happen to men and boys. Healthcare, inclusive of abortion access, is NOT a matter that is relevant to the government. The only party that should be discussing a woman's RIGHT to healthcare access (and privacy of that healthcare) other than that woman, is her doctor. This bill is NOT the will of the people.

DONALD SICKAFOOSE

self

SPRING, TX

I support the prohibition on the manufacturing and provision of abortion-inducing drugs. This is simply a run around on the abortion ban already in place for Texas. Please move this legislation forward in the House and let's protect our unborn babies from being killed needlessly in the womb.

Jef Tingley

Self

Dallas, TX

This law is unjust and unwarranted. If laws governing men's bodies don't vary state-to-state why should women's. Furthermore, government has no business deciding personal choices. Remember we were founded on separation of church and state. Biblical arguments are illogical and unnecessary.

Joseph Espinoza

Self

Celina, TX

I'm speaking out against HB 7.

This bill claims to protect parental rights and student safety, but it does so by centralizing power, criminalizing educators, and opening the door to censorship in our schools.

I believe in transparency and accountability — but HB 7 goes too far.

I support parental involvement — but not at the expense of local control and teacher trust.

I want safe schools — but not ones ruled by fear and political agendas.

Texas students deserve a well-rounded education, not one filtered through ideology. HB 7 threatens the very foundation of public education: trust, diversity, and community voice.

Let's build schools that reflect our values — not silence them. #RejectHB7

Alison Hable

Self

Dripping Springs, TX

I am deeply opposed to this bill. The morning after pill should be available to women.

Andrea Casso

Self, Tax Advisor and Concerned Citizen

San Antonio, TX

My name is Andrea Casso and I strongly oppose House Bill 7.

HB 7 will create a nationwide abortion bounty hunt, further isolating Texans who are seeking medical care and intimidating anyone who helps us. This bill interferes with my personal freedom and my right to access essential healthcare. It undermines abortion access for Texans who already face multiple barriers to care.

Each person should have the right to decide what happens to their bodies and the type of care they need. Decisions about medical care should be made by the patients themselves and their doctors, no one else.

This is yet another attempt to turn neighbors into spies, and it is deeply unpopular in our state. Texans have already rejected this approach in Amarillo, where voters voted down targeting neighbors who help others access abortion care. We see this for what it is: Government overreach. We do not want to be punished for seeking care or see our loved ones sued for offering help.

For years, Texans have struggled to access even the most basic healthcare, and the abortion ban has only worsened our quality of life. Maternal deaths have increased by 56%, sepsis rates have surged 50%, and infant mortality has increased by 13%. These are not just numbers, they are our families, our neighbors, and our communities.

At such a crucial moment, the state government should be working to save lives, not criminalize care. For these reasons, I urge you to oppose HB 7.

Megan Ewert

Self

Austin, TX

I am a woman in Texas and this supposed "Woman and Child Protection Act" does not make me feel protected. Legislation that restricts the ability of women and doctors to make decisions regarding their own and their patients' health makes me feel unsafe and unprotected.

Brittany Klemmack

Self

Round Rock, TX

First this has nothing to do with flood relief. Do your actual job. Second, this only further hurts Texas women, limits medical care, and is clearly about the few forcing power over the many. White Christian nationalism really shouldn't be so glorified by this legislature when it doesn't represent the will of most Texans. This bill doesn't reflect what Texans want and will lead to even more deaths. Just because you are too afraid to track them doesn't mean we don't know what our sisters die. And now you want to even go after their spouses who are trying to save them. Shame. Shame on you

Tirza Kaylene Holguin

Self

Kerrville, TX

No one has a right to choose what a woman can do with her body. This is not a New Concept this is an absolute. This isn't a subject Up For Debate by politicians and lawyers who have no medical background. But this is about abortion pills I can name lots of pills that shouldn't be manufactured this is not one of them.

Jason Miller, Dr.

Self, cancer researcher

Dallas, TX

I oppose HB7. It is disgusting to me that anyone would think that my wife is not capable of making her own medical decisions. Only a pervert who prefers the company of children who are too young to make their own medical decisions would think that pregnant patients are unable to think for themselves to make their own decisions on abortion or abortion medication.

My wife nearly died in her second pregnancy. I support her ability to make whatever medical decision is right for her and oppose HB7. Stop interfering in medical care that you don't understand.

Brittany Escano

Self

Fort Worth, TX

I, as a Texas Resident, strongly oppose HB7. This is an overreach of an already extreme abortion ban and the by the Texas Republicans. Our Republicans have lost sight of what really matters and that is women's rights to make the best decisions for them and their families. If you do not have a reproductive system, you should not be allowed to have an opinion on this subject. Really this is about Republicans wanting to have control over women and their rights. We know abortions are being accessed by Lawmakers for their mistresses. You do not get to make a law for one while not following it yourself. As well, you are putting women in jeopardy by allowing people the access of making false claims so that they can reap a reward they should not have access to. Republicans have in fact lost their moral compass and no longer represent what republicans use to mean. Instead they have replaced it with Christian Nationalists that are ruining our country and what it is suppose to stand for which is FREEDOM, including women to have the freedom to do what they need to do

Edythe Oliver

Self

Bryan, TX

I oppose HB7 as it takes safe personal medical choices from a woman and is left for the courts to decide on a woman's personal care and is the overreach of the government and takes risks with the health of the woman which can result in senseless risk and costly lawsuits.

Molly Carter

Self

Houston, TX

I oppose HB7! I believe that Texas politicians have far overstepped their bounds at this point. Women's healthcare is not their business and suing other states for helping the women that TEXAS HAS ABANDONED is not their place either. How about you all start doing the jobs you are actually elected to do and do something good for the people of Texas. You can start with disaster preparedness and helping the victims of the Kerr county floods. DO YOUR JOBS

Liza Price
Self
San Angelo, TX

Dear House State Affairs committee,
My name is {first name} and I live in {city, Texas}. As a constituent, I ask that we spend our limited time during this special session addressing real issues that are impacting Texans—instead of wasting our time and money entertaining bills like SB 8. This bill is unnecessary and harms trans, gender expansive, and intersex Texans.
Instead, I would really love to see the committee address {name an issue you are passionate about that impacts you and/or your community}. It is disgraceful that we are spending our time targeting a small group of people as bargaining chips for political gain, when our leaders could instead, spend our time improving disaster and emergency preparedness, response, and recovery after fatal floods in Kerrville and Central Texas that have taken the lives of Texas youth. Let's focus on that, instead of entertaining bills like SB 8 that target and harm trans

Bridget Tice
Self
Pflugerville, TX

Against

Barbara Diehl
US Citizen and taxpayer
Fort Worth, TX

Shame on you! Changing the rules to fit your agenda is not part of a democratic process. You really need to think for yourselves, play fair and stop doing Tumps bidding! This is ridiculous. You aren't working for your constituents, you are working against us! And stop undermining our public schools. You are rapidly dismantling our democracy. Stop it and stand up for what's right. Thank you!

Linda Collazos
Self, retired
Houston, TX

My name is Linda Collazos. I am opposing HB 7 because it will create an abortion bounty hunt and turn neighbors into spies. It interferes with the personal freedom of women across Texas. We need to help and support women who are in a difficult situation rather than hunt them down. Please reject this bill.

Erin Wolter
Self
AUSTIN, TX

This is a reckless and hateful bill that will quite literally kill women in Texas. I urge you to act on your Christian values, and value life... INCLUDING that of the mother.

Ben Marshall, Dr.
Self,..retired clergy
Dallas, TX

I am deeply opposed to HB7 for its further restrictions on abortion pills and its gutting the rights in the Religious Freedom Restoration Act as well as limiting SLAPP.
These attempts are attacks on our personal freedom just to satisfy certain leaders ideologies.

Amy Knop
self - not representing any organization
Austin, TX

I urge your opposition to HB 7 which is an overreach of state jurisdiction, spuriously encourages litigation, and poses great risk of harm to the health and wellbeing of Texans - at a time when Texas already lags in national rankings at 47th or 48th, among the worst states for healthcare access and outcomes. This bill serves no public benefit and is a wasteful, uninformed use of taxpayer time and resources.

Cynthia Lyon
Self
Austin, TX

I oppose this bill as it is completely unnecessary and is an assault on the rights of women, their doctors, and their medication providers.

Jake Wilson
Self - CPA
Fort Worth, TX

I support HB 7 for the reasons I stated in my testimony to the Texas House State Affairs Committee on Friday, August 22, 2025.

China Young
Self
San Angelo, TX

No to HB 7 - you know the reasons why. You've heard them a million times. If you truly value life, you will stop trying to control it like this. More women are being hurt by anti-abortion legislation than helped by it. Women are suffering miscarriages and are unable to get DNCs in a timely manner, leading to sickness, sterility, and death. These are women who WANT to have babies.

These laws do only make it less safe to be a woman in Texas.

Let women, their doctors, and their loved ones who they want to be part of the process to make these pivotal choices for themselves.

And the argument of "States Rights" when legislating abortion access across state line after having forced Redistricting legislation down our throats - legislation that does, in fact, effect the entire nation, is pure hypocrisy.

I don't know what you have against women, but passing this legislation confirms that you have no desire to protect anyone with internal reproductive organs.

If you vote yes, you vote against women.

Make your choice.

Jacobi Edwards
self
Desoto, TX

I do not approve of this bill and I am against its passage. please vote no.

Emilie Christy, Mrs
Self
Lakeway, TX

Abortion is healthcare, and should be between a woman and her doctor. Abortion will not go away, but more women will die from back alley abortions, from lack of medical care during pregnancy, and doctors being too afraid to live up to their hippocratic oaths, to do no harm. And be honest with yourselves, this will never apply to the elite, who will, like several of you in the legislature, continue to pay for secret abortions, while penalizing those less "connected." And bounties on random people in other states?? No. The authors and sponsors of this bill need to withdraw it and go sit alone, with no elected office, and think about the harm they are trying to cause. Please kill this bill, protect Texas women

Wendy Salome

self

Austin, TX

HB 7 is not just an attack on abortion access; it is a direct assault on the rule of law and the fundamental rights of Texans. This legislation attempts to nullify federal authority, chill free speech, and create a system of vigilante enforcement that encourages citizens to sue one another for up to \$100,000.

It is incomprehensible that the party that prides itself on freedom, liberty, and small government would have the gall to present a bill that violates all of these principles.

HB 7 represents a dangerous escalation of anti-abortion extremism by Texas Republicans.

*Undermining Federal Law - It brazenly attempts to extend Texas's jurisdiction beyond its borders, targeting the manufacturing and provision of drugs regardless of location. It explicitly disallows reliance on federal statutes or court precedent as a defense, setting a dangerous precedent for state nullification of federal law.

*Creating a "Bounty Hunter" System: The bill revives the flawed legal strategy of deputizing private citizens to enforce the law through costly lawsuits, creating a system of vigilantism and legal chaos.

*Chilling Free Speech and Access to Information: By broadly penalizing the provision of information about abortion-inducing drugs, the bill restricts communication and hinders Texans' ability to access critical health information.

*Threatening Safe Medical Care: Restricting access to medications like mifepristone and misoprostol, which are used for a range of medical purposes beyond abortion, jeopardizes safe and evidence-based healthcare for Texans experiencing miscarriages and other conditions.

This bill is a reckless and legally dubious attempt to further restrict reproductive freedom in Texas. I urge all lawmakers to reject this extreme legislation and stand for the constitutional rights and health of all Texans.

Abbigale Vincent

Self

Murphy, TX

Stop wasting taxpayer money on this. This puts women's lives at risk.

Susan Lloyd

Women of Texas

Austin, TX

This endangers patients & Drs instead of supporting health care needs

Susana Carranza, Dr.

self, retired engineer

Austin, TX

I oppose this bill. It seems all you care about is to control the lives of people. Start focusing on issues that actually help Texans, not this awful government overreach.

Jack Finger
San Antonio Family Association
San Antonio, TX

From Jack Finger, representing the San Antonio Family Association (SAFA):

The San Antonio Family Association strongly supports HB 7. Texas succeeded in outlawing the physical murder of innocent, defenseless babies only to have, as in the game of Whac-A-Mole, the abortion industry to come up with the insidious means of mail ordering abortifacients. This legislation should stop this loophole or at least go a long way in doing so.

Yes, we have heard the arguments against it--that it would open up a "bounty hunter" game or vigilantism across state lines. That the \$100,000 penalty is too high.

SAFA says "rubbish" to such misconceptions.

Has out-of-control vigilantism taken place since the state's lifesaving laws kicked in in 2022? Of course not. Why not? Because there was no need for that fear: the law was the law and bad guys knew they would get caught one way or another.

Is the \$100,000 penalty too high? SAFA retorts: what price is an innocent baby's life? What penalty would a judge assess a mother who murdered her toddler?

SAFA also noticed the trick question that State Representative Rafael Anchia posed--and it WAS a trick question--to testifier Susan Chapel, "you're happy that a woman cannot be under the care of a doctor to receive an abortion here in Texas?"

SAFA's rebuttal to that is quite succinct: murder of an innocent, helpless baby is still murder of an innocent, helpless baby regardless of what title the perpetrator uses, whether it be "Doctor", "Nurse", "Professor" or even "Reverend."

Thank you for passing this to the next step. Let's save some more future soldiers, taxpayers, pastors and, yes, legislators.

Tayla Hart
Self, parent
Houston, TX

Abortion is a medical decision that should be between a patient and their physician. Politicians should keep out of medical decisions that they do not understand and are not qualified to speak on. Women have already died as a result of politicizing medical decisions, and the harder you make it for women to access needed Healthcare, the more women will die. This also negatively and disproportionately impacts women in rural areas. When doctors in these areas feel that they can no longer safely provide care and leave, these women with very wanted pregnancies are left without good local prenatal care. This can also lead to dire consequences for mother and baby. This is all with the assumption that you actually care about women and children which based on your actions I highly doubt.

Jennifer Soria
Self, Manager
San Antonio, TX

HB 7 is both unnecessary and deeply harmful to Texans. It will continue to create a culture of fear for people who are seeking needed care through the only avenues available in Texas. It will also empower abusers to weaponize Texas law against their targets. Abortion bans have worsened both maternal and infant health outcomes, forcing pregnant Texans to face unnecessary health risks and causing deeply painful outcomes for families. Continuing to expand abortion bans doubles down on an approach that is clearly harmful, unnecessary, and simply cruel. As a mother of a teenage daughter, I am terrified that she will need abortion care and I will not be able to get her care safely and with dignity, as should be her right. Do not pass this bill and continue to expand unnecessary, harmful bans in the name of politics. We deserve better.

Linzy Foster
Self
Austin, TX

I oppose this bill as abortion is already prohibited except in rare cases in Texas and this is unnecessary government overreach and a waste of money.

Brittany Marino

Self

Austin, TX

I do not support this bill

Elias Schmidt

Center for Reproductive Rights

New York, TX

(Part 3)

In fact, Representative Leach admitted that H.B.7 would allow someone to intentionally order medication abortion into Texas for the sole purpose of fabricating a lawsuit against the manufacturer. Not only does this level of community policing create fear among regular citizens, but it also creates a significant burden for Texas State courts.

By opening the door to such frivolous lawsuits, H.B. 7 will only result in harm to Texans. When manufacturers pull medications out of Texas entirely to avoid potential risk of liability, pregnant people will be unable to access medications used to save their lives in obstetric emergencies. This harm will not stop at pregnant women, but all people relying on these medications. Mifepristone and misoprostol are not only used for abortion care; mifepristone is commonly used to control high blood sugar and misoprostol is commonly used to decrease the risk of stomach ulcers in patients taking nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs. If manufacturers and distributors risk lawsuits simply for allowing these medications to enter Texas, there will be no incentive to continue supplying such medications to the state.

IV. Texas is facing a maternal health crisis.

Between 2019 and 2022, the rate of maternal mortality cases in Texas rose by 56%. The maternal mortality rate in the rest of the country rose by just 11%. The most recent report by the Texas Maternal Mortality Review Committee showed that the maternal mortality rate increased from 27.7 deaths per 100,000 live births in 2020 to 37.7 deaths per 100,000 live births in 2021. Instead of focusing on creating new limitations on access to life-saving medication, the state should focus on expanding healthcare for Texans.

For these reasons, the Center for Reproductive Rights strongly opposes H.B. 7. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions or would like further information.

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(Part 2)

Medication abortion is equally safe and effective when provided through telemedicine. FDA-approved drug label information and medication guides for medication abortion are readily available to patients, ensuring easy access to accurate dosage and potential side-effect information. A recent study found no difference in the rates of complications between in-person care and care provided via telemedicine, even asynchronous telemedicine. This bill will not protect the health of Texans, it simply seeks to create fear and confusion in a state with three competing abortion bans in effect.

II. Exceptions and exemptions create confusion and harm Texans.

This bill includes numerous carve-outs and exceptions purporting to guide a “qui tam relator” on who they bring challenges against, presuming that such a plaintiff will not only understand who falls outside of the scope of this legislation, but appreciate why those individuals should not be targeted. This takes for granted that anyone who wants to utilize civil actions under this legislation is doing so solely for personal gain and to further political ideology. This puts a target on the backs of even those that this legislation aims to exclude. Ultimately, this will create even more confusion and isolate pregnant Texans even further.

Moreover, while these provisions may appear to offer safeguards for state healthcare providers and hospitals, in practice these provisions are functionally unworkable and will not mitigate the bill’s harmful impact. The requirement to prove that drugs were handled solely for one of the listed purposes creates legal uncertainty that will deter physicians, pharmacists, manufacturers, and others from engaging in even lawful, medically necessary conduct. This chilling effect will be particularly acute in emergency situations, where any delay in treatment can endanger patient health or life. Texans have to bleed, suffer, or die as medical providers sort out the language of the law. Exceptions don’t prevent harm; they require it.

III. H.B. 7 opens the door to limitless harmful lawsuits which will create a chilling effect on critical medication entering Texas.

Representative Jeffrey Leach, lead sponsor of H.B. 7, stated during the August 22nd State Affairs Committee hearing that with the upcoming committee substitute version of the bill, he aims to “protect against...frivolous pre-enforcement challenges.” Yet, by allowing anyone in the state to bring challenges against community members, healthcare providers, distributors, and manufacturers, this bill opens the door to unlimited lawsuits filed in the state. In order to bring a pre-enforcement constitutionality challenge, plaintiffs must show that they in fact face real harm, infringing on their constitutional rights. However, here, “a qui tam relator” faces no personal injury at all. Instead, they can use these lawsuits to harass those who show ideological differences.

Kim Godek

Women's Liberation Front

Justin, TX

I OPPOSE HB7 on the grounds that it is intended to terrorize citizens and care providers and subvert the principles of federalism that our free country is founded on.

The bill is so determined to pervert the Justice system that it entirely neglects to resolve the incentive for fraud that it creates. The bill is written as if the accused will necessarily be guilty, going on at length to protect its obvious overreaching qualities, while only addressing potential fraud with a mere "sanctioning a litigant or attorney for frivolous, malicious, or bad-faith conduct."

One need not agree with women's bodily sovereignty to understand that creating one of the largest civil penalties available with an unlimited reach will incentivize bad actors. No provisions are made for data unlawfully collected or to protect those falsely accused. This seems to be "working as intended" as long as women of Texas and abortion providers nationwide are terrorized out of understanding reproductive options.

When I was a young woman moved to Texas, I was appalled at the frequency of strip clubs and the mandatory sexualized waitress outfits of every restaurant in my area. It's unbelievable that in a state where women's bodies and children (commercial surrogacy) are sold as commodities, legislators tell themselves they're interested in "woman and child protection."

I urge the legislature to OPPOSE HB7 and instead propose real remedies to allow women and mothers freedom without sexual and economic coercion.

Elias Schmidt
Center for Reproductive Rights
New York, TX

(Part 1)

Re: Letter in Opposition to House Bill 7
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Dear Members of the House of Representatives:

The Center for Reproductive Rights (“the Center”) is a legal advocacy organization that uses the power of law to advance reproductive rights as fundamental human rights around the world. Our mission includes ensuring that all people have access to abortion care.

The Center has a long history of litigating constitutional cases in Texas related to reproductive care, including most recently *Zurawski v. Texas* and *Cox v. Texas*. In these lawsuits we represented 24 Texans—including Texas obstetricians, Texas women denied abortions despite significant obstetrical complications, and the husband of one of these women—and sought clarification of the medical emergency exception to Texas’s abortion bans that ultimately, we did not receive. Many of these plaintiffs were forced to travel out of state for abortion care because bans in the state made it impossible to receive the care they needed, even under emergency circumstances.

The Center strongly opposes House Bill 7 (“H.B. 7”) which not only poses significant threats to the health of Texans but opens the door to endless frivolous and malicious lawsuits filed against anyone associated with providing abortion medication. With this bill, Texas is trying to reach beyond its borders to penalize doctors who are otherwise following the law, by providing medication abortion via telemedicine in states where abortion is legal.

Under H.B. 7, manufacturers, distributors, providers, and helpers of medication abortion would face civil liability. H.B. 7 creates bounty hunter-style mechanisms of enforcement, allowing any private person to bring “a qui tam” action against anyone involved with abortion-inducing medication, even if they never set foot in the state. With unsustainable carve-outs and difficult to apply exceptions, the bill allows lawsuits of at least \$100,000 against anyone who “manufactures, distributes, mails, prescribes, or provides” abortion-inducing drugs.

I. Medication abortion is safe and effective.

Approximately 5.9 million people have taken mifepristone as part of a medication abortion since the medication was approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in 2000. Mifepristone causes fewer complications than more commonly prescribed medications, like penicillin and Viagra. Medication abortion is far safer than childbirth, particularly for people in Texas, which has seen a drastic rise in maternal mortality since the state’s total abortion ban took effect.

Marta Evans
Self, editor
Austin, TX

This bill is incredibly dangerous to every single person, whether or not they are personally seeking an abortion. It's an unconscionable and illegal power grab that seeks to extend the laws of Texas beyond its borders. This criminalizes anyone involved in difficult medical decisions, including partners, family members, and those who provide simple information and assistance. It further deepens the public health and human rights crisis of anti-abortion laws in Texas, which have been proven already to have increased pregnant women's deaths from sepsis by as much as 50% and have already caused many OB-GYNs to leave the state because they aren't free to provide the care they've been trained to give. As a woman, I don't feel safe getting pregnant in this state, despite the fact that such a pregnancy would be intentional and very much wanted. I refuse to risk dying while bleeding out in a hospital parking lot because you decided the lives of women don't matter. That is the impact you are having on real people. You have denied freedom and care to people in some of the most difficult situations of their lives, and you are trying to open up financial incentives for the worst anti-abortion actors to target women and their families and partners for personal medical decisions. I am genuinely begging you to reconsider this craven and shameful law and maintain what little freedom we still have in a state that supposedly prides itself on freedom. Thank you.

Ashley Morgan
Self - Attorney
Austin, TX

I oppose HB 7 as a civil litigator and a woman of childbearing age. This bill will incentivize frivolous lawsuits and the invasion of privacy rights. It is a ploy to enable our Attorney General to fight other States. Many provisions strike me as abnormal and problematic. It is abnormal to grant a party standing to pursue legal action when that person has not been harmed and does not face imminent harm. Generally, to have standing to bring a lawsuit, "a plaintiff must be personally aggrieved; his alleged injury must be concrete and particularized, actual or imminent, not hypothetical." See *DaimlerChrysler Corp. v. Inman*, 252 S.W.3d 299, 304 (Tex. 2008). The non-reciprocal fee shifting provision in this bill will broaden the access-to-justice gap. It would cost a defendant roughly \$5,000 to answer a lawsuit and bring a 91a motion, likely upwards of \$25,000 to litigate to a summary judgment hearing, and over \$100,000 through trial. The bill would enable a person to bring a lawsuit against one who merely "intends to violate" it. Subjective intent tends to be a fact question. During the 8/22 hearing, the sponsor testified repeatedly a defendant's status was a fact question (examples: whether someone is covered under an exception, etc.). Whenever I hear "fact question," as a civil litigator, that means the defendant would likely not be able to prevail on summary judgment. It facilitates forum shopping and dragging Texans across the State to litigate on the relator's home turf. C.f. Tex. Civ. Prac. & Rem. Code 15.002. A person may not seek declaratory or injunctive relief to restrain a qui tam relator even if the relator is a vexatious litigant. There is no guidance in the bill as to what would constitute "failure to take reasonable precautions" or "fail[ure] to adopt and implement a policy." The statute of limitations is long. C.f. Tex. Civ. Prac. & Rem. Code 16.003 (2 years for personal injury claims). There is no remedy for women who are outed, and their identities are likely to be divulged in pleadings, the discovery process, and/or publicly accessible trials. It takes time and money to get a seal order under TRCP 76a which most women don't have (assuming they get notice their name will be disclosed). It's clear the real goal here is to facilitate legal battles with other States. Texas has spent millions defending its abortion laws. houstonchronicle.com/politics/texas/article/Texas-has-spent-close-to-6-million-fighting-14942477.php If Texas actually cares about states' rights, let other states keep their shield laws. If proponents care about the risk of unsafe abortions, then Texas should restore our access to safe, legal abortions. As a woman of child-bearing age and at greater risk of ectopic pregnancy, I'm scared this bill will reduce the availability of Mifepristone. Texas has an embarrassingly high rate of pregnancy-related mortality texastribune.org/2025/02/20/texas-abortion-ban-impact-death-hospitalization/ Please vote no

DIANNE REECE
SELF
HOUSTON, TX

I wish to strongly oppose HB7 legislation for multiple reasons and suggest the Committee not advance this legislation to the Floor.

The reasons I believe this legislation is flawed is based on:

1. Constitutional protections: Not all religious groups share the view that life begins at conception, the basis of Texas' abortion laws. Texas has, in fact, recognized on a bi-partisan basis under its Religious Freedom Restoration Act that multiple religious groups should be granted protection based on the articles of faith individuals practice. This legislation will void religious consideration until such time as the SCOTUS reaffirms these protections via the First Amendment to the Constitution.
2. Qui Tam Law problems: there are no specified constraints on qui tam Relators outlined in the proposed legislation. Significant debate already suggests these individuals become "opportunistic profit seekers" and parasites of the law. See *Texas Law Review* 98:489. (If an average citizen like myself can find it, certainly a few more legislators can.) There are, further, enough questions around Article II and III protections that should be considered, again by SCOTUS, before opening this Pandora's box in Texas. The economic costs of over-enforcement ought to demand more reflection than ramming through legislation in a special session.
3. Abortion Shield Laws: Texas already has cases pending that seek resolution of Full Faith & Credit Clause and Conflict of Law problems. You should stop further intimidation and harassment of the women of Texas with more laws that prevent them from obtaining the maternal healthcare they want and need.

Your surveillance of the women of Texas needs to stop. You have far more important issues to solve like emergency communications that work across counties in a disaster, a faltering electric grid, and the highest number of uninsured constituents in the country. Solve real problems first before you waste time on cultural issues.

charley street

myself

austin, TX

To the Honorable Members of the Texas House State Affairs Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to House Bill 7, which seeks to prohibit the manufacturing and provision of abortion-inducing drugs, including the jurisdiction of and the effect of certain judgments by certain courts within and outside this state with respect to the manufacturing and provision of those drugs, and to protections from certain counter actions under laws other than the laws of this state; authorizing qui tam actions.

This bill represents a significant overreach into personal medical decisions and undermines the autonomy of individuals in Texas. By allowing private citizens to sue out-of-state providers, manufacturers, and prescribers for at least \$100,000 per violation, HB 7 mirrors the controversial enforcement model of Texas' 2021 SB 8 law. This approach bypasses federal commerce protections and other states' shield laws, potentially resulting in significant interstate legal conflicts over reproductive healthcare access.

Furthermore, the bill's provision for private citizens to initiate lawsuits could lead to misuse and harassment, as noted by groups like Texas Alliance for Life, which expressed concerns about potential misuse of the litigation model. The potential for frivolous lawsuits could burden our legal system and divert resources from more pressing issues.

Additionally, HB 7 could result in Texans losing access to safe and legal reproductive healthcare options, particularly for those in underserved areas or facing financial hardships. The bill's passage could force individuals to seek unsafe alternatives or travel out of state, placing undue strain on their resources and well-being.

I urge the committee to consider the far-reaching implications of this bill and to reject it in favor of policies that respect individual rights, uphold privacy, and ensure equitable access to healthcare for all Texans.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kenneth Watkins

Self

Garland, TX

I do not approve of this bill and I am against its passage. I vote no

Emily Barton

Self

Austin, TX

My name is Emily and I am opposing House Bill 7. HB 7 will create a nationwide abortion bounty hunt, further isolating Texans who are seeking medical care and intimidate anyone who helps us. This bill interferes with my personal freedom and right to access essential healthcare. It undermines abortion access for Texans already facing multiple barriers to healthcare.

This is yet another attempt to turn neighbors into spies, and it is deeply unpopular in our state. Texans have already rejected this approach in Amarillo. Voters voted down the targeting of neighbors who help others access abortion care because we see this for what it is: government overreach. We do not want to be punished for seeking care or see our loved ones sued for offering help.

For years Texans have struggled to access even the most basic healthcare and the abortion ban has only worsened our quality of life. Maternal deaths in Texas have increased by 56%, sepsis rates have surged 50%, and infant mortality has increased by 13%. These are our lives and our loved ones in the heartbreaking statistics. At such a crucial moment, the state government should be doing anything but further criminalizing abortion care for Texans. For these reasons I oppose HB 7.

Zsevon Adams
self, Aviation Mechanic
Mesquite, TX

I do not approve of this bill and I am against its passage. Please vote no.

Cheyenne Adams
self, Hospital Administration
Mesquite, TX

I do not approve of this bill and I am against its passage. Please vote no.

Kendall Goldberg
Self
Bedford, TX

My father was a neurosurgeon in Waco, Texas until he was diagnosed with Parkinson's. He did his ob/gyn rotation in Houston and repeatedly told me and my mother that he hoped that Roe v. Wade would never be overturned because of all the horrific things that women did to themselves to end their pregnancies. I understand those who are behind this bill are desperate to stop these medications, but women will just do things that are desperate like what my father witnessed. It feels like our elected officials don't care at all about the health and lives of Texas women. I just used IVF to give birth to my daughter and I'm worried that others won't have the chance to take advantage of that because there is so much extremism out there regarding embryos.

Zavier McFadden
Self
Austin, TX

I absolutely DO NOT approve of this bill and the terms written within it. It sounds like you all are trying to silently pass a legal bounty hunter system for abortions and that's both morally corrupt and evil. Do not vote to pass this bill.

Susan Milam
Self, Retired USAF Major
Emory, TX

The Chemical abortion of our next generation must end! Please move this bill forward! You must support HB 7's passage out of the house.

Text STOP to opt out.

Kristi Lann
Self
Arlington, TX

I wonder why bills like this one have been a priority for the Texas Legislature over the horrible things that happened in Kerrville. You won't be able to stop these medications coming into the state. People know how to get them. I know people trying to find out why you are against abortion in the first trimester, and she can't get an answer out of you. Now you want to make things even harder and make even more money for someone who wants to sue a person for just helping a friend or family member. I watched a few clips online of people talking about these suits helping men who abuse women. That's really shameful.

Charlotte LeMay

Self

Frisco, TX

I'm really concerned about this bill. We already have several bills stopping abortion in the state and I don't see any reason for another one. It seems like this is all our elected officials are doing instead of making things better for the people of Texas, like making things safer for pregnant women. Why are you considering more bills that encourage people to sue each other, including strangers? And now you're raising the amount they can sue for to \$100,000? I thought Republicans were against frivolous lawsuits, but that doesn't seem to be the case. A friend of mine said that the bill hurts churches, too.

Kadie Rackley, Dr.

Self

Austin, TX

Leach, Paxton, Abbott, all of you are ignorant and vile creeps. I am a 7th generation Texan; my ancestors fought in the Texas War of Independence. This goes against everything true Texans stand for. NO ONE WANTS THIS INVASION OF FREEDOM AND PRIVACY. How is this aligned with your so-called "small government" values??

Michelle Adler

self

Austin, TX

HB7 is a further attack on the final means that pregnant people have to access abortion. This bill continues the overreach that the Texas legislature has been waging against bodily autonomy. Bills that limit abortion access do not stop abortion, they just create more risk for those who need to access abortion. Please vote against this bill.

Julia Parrott

ARFA

Canyon, TX

My name is Julia Parrott and I am opposing House Bill 7. HB 7 will create a nationwide abortion bounty hunt. Abortion access prevents maternal mortality and severe complications. If declining birth rates are the problem, paid parental leave, affordable childcare and better economic conditions need to be prioritized. This bill is a government overreach that will only punish those seeking care or for offering help.

Maternal deaths in Texas have increased by 56%, sepsis rates have surged 50%, and infant mortality has increased by 13%. These are our lives and our loved ones in the heartbreaking statistics. At such a crucial moment, the state government should be doing anything but further criminalizing abortion care for Texans. For these reasons I oppose HB 7.

Ronald Wilhelm, Dr.

self, retired professor

Dallas, TX

I oppose adoption of this legislation. Texas women must have the right to make their own decisions about their healthcare without interference from legislators. Moreover, as a Christian, I am particularly concerned that this bill strips Religious Freedom Restoration Act rights from all religious organizations and communities and also removes anti-SLAPP (encourages frivolous and retaliatory lawsuits) protections, meaning that churches can be subject to harassment from anyone—an opponent to their theology, a disgruntled employee, someone looking to find evidence of acquiring abortion pills. This is a dangerous piece of legislation that makes all religious institutions vulnerable to legal assaults.

Genevieve Cato

Self, development director

Houston, TX

Your cruelty knows no bounds. While maternal mortality increased by 56%, instead of focusing on things that would actually help mothers, you are cracking down even more on abortion. It's horrific. It's cruel. And I know this comment won't matter - you don't care what Texans want. You only care about your own agenda, and shoving it down our throats. But I'm commenting anyway, because there needs to be a record that the people of Texas DO NOT WANT THIS. You make us look like backwards idiots to the rest of the world because you are SUPPOSED to represent US, but you don't. This is an extreme bill that will only cause more pain, suffering, and death. But you don't care. You will never, ever be able to hear us. You think you have the right to push your own agenda on all of us. It's disgusting. It's cruel. You are an evil person, Jeff Leach. And I do NOT support this bill.

John Lehman

Myself

Austin, TX

We need to stop telling women what they can do with their bodies. Abortion drugs and procedures should be fully legal in the state of Texas. Don't like abortions? Then don't have any. This is supposed to be America, land where we have the freedom to make decisions for ourselves. Allow women who want to have an abortion proper access to one. Women who don't want abortions can ignore the drugs and treatments for them, like a normal person.

Amy Sustaita

self

Dallas, TX

My name is Amy Sustaita and I am opposing House Bill 7. HB 7 will create a nationwide abortion bounty hunt, further isolating Texans who are seeking medical care and intimidate anyone who helps us. This bill interferes with my personal freedom and right to access essential healthcare. It undermines abortion access for Texans already facing multiple barriers to healthcare.

As a person who is capable of getting pregnant, I am always appalled and disgusted by how evil these bills are every session. Go do something with your life- I promise you just because you ban something, doesn't mean it's going to magically fix the problem. Texans have always needed abortion access and care. How dare you try to continually take that away from us. Stop denying us care!

This is yet another attempt to turn neighbors into spies, and it is deeply unpopular in our state. Texans have already rejected this approach in Amarillo. Voters voted down the targeting of neighbors who help others access abortion care because we see this for what it is: government overreach. We do not want to be punished for seeking care or see our loved ones sued for offering help.

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Jennifer Prescott
Self- Dog Trainer
Houston, TX

Hello community members,

My name is Jenny Prescott and when I was 17 years old I was raped by my history teacher. I didn't become pregnant but I was worried I could be. I took pregnancy test after pregnancy test terrified that a monster's spawn was growing inside me. The only solace I felt was that if I am pregnant, I can get an abortion. I won't have to continue being a body men can regulate and have unfettered access to. Even though the hell didn't end with abortion, I was lucky. I've known girls and women who weren't as lucky. This bill makes the town gossip into a witch hunt. When anyone can accuse you of abortion and you are punished for a "crime" of merely just taking care of your body. This bill is reprehensible. I don't want my neighbors turning into deputized spies. We're not in some dystopian reality. We are in America. And we are supposed to be free. Right now we're deciding if you can control the futures, well being, and bodies of women across this state. That doesn't seem like freedom to me. Please, don't let this bill pass. I'm not known to really stand up much about politics but this issue strikes a cord. I could have been this young pregnant teen carrying her rapist's baby with no future and no way to reclaim my body as mine. Please reconsider. The women of Texas are begging you.

Thank you,
Jenny Prescott

Cecilia Wood, Esq.
self - attorney
Austin, TX

HB 7 is a state rights bill designed to enforce the current laws of this state regarding abortion which provide equal protection to pre-born and post born babies. It also protects mothers who are ill-equipped to deal with the complications that can be caused by these DYI pills. Full Faith and Credit recognizes the authority Texas to regulate acts and omissions of individuals and entities committed within the state, including citizens of another state when acting within the state. It's only common sense that if physicians, pharmacists, and other medical professionals who have met the qualifications to be licensed in this state and who provide many needed services to Texas are prohibited from performing or causing abortions, then individuals from other states who not even licensed to practice in Texas should be equally prohibited. They should not be allowed to hide in their home states and violate Texas laws through mail or any other subversive method. We do not allow licensed marijuana businesses in Colorado to mail recreational marijuana to individuals in Texas, even if they do so in compliance with Colorado laws. A car manufacturer in Michigan who chooses to sell vehicles in Texas is subject to being sued for product defects in Texas and having the judgment enforced in any state where they hold assets. HB7 codifies this same principle applicable to a much more divisive issue. The individuals subject to liability under this bill have no right to break the laws of this state or expect protection from doing so. They also have no right to complain as to who is authorized to sue them. Please vote for HB 7 to protect babies, mothers, and the sovereignty of Texas.

Caroline Duble
self
Houston, TX

My name is Caroline and I am opposing House Bill 7. HB 7 will create a nationwide abortion bounty hunt, further isolating Texans who are seeking medical care and intimidate anyone who helps us. This bill interferes with my personal freedom and right to access essential healthcare. It undermines abortion access for Texans already facing multiple barriers to healthcare.

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Nadia Guillen, Mrs

Self

San Antonio, TX

Please pass HB 7 to help women and children from chemical abortion

Hung Nguyen

self

Austin, TX

This is the fourth abortion bill that has been placed on Texans, while no bill has been pushed to fix the power grid. This bill would let strangers interfere in someone's private medical decisions. It would force pregnant people into dangerous situations, isolate them from support, and create devastating legal risks for doctors, family members, and even friends who try to help. People deserve to have access to safe abortion care without political interference. I urge you to listen to medical experts, not misinformation, and vote NO on HB 7.

Arielle Laguette

Self

Austin, TX

Simply put. No. This is doing more harm than it is good. We do not have a healthcare system set up support unwanted pregnancies, especially in cases of rape or incest. This bill only endangers more women and removes the right to our bodies, our choice.

Benjamin Graham

Self, Licensed Professional Counselor Associate

Houston, TX

Disgusting

Jose Castillo

Self

Allen, TX

Knowing people who had to face an unfortunate loss of a pregnancy and the hoops they had to go to dance around the already restrictive laws in place, makes me plea the case to leave care to professionals and not limit the access to medication and procedures that while they might be used for some procedures, might be needed in other instances as life saving, minute decisions that cannot wait for a lawyer to interpret and navigate if the necessary care is legal or ilegal under the current framework.

Arianna Berry

Self

Greenville, TX

I'm a Texan and I do not support this bill. All people should have access to safe and legal abortion should they need it. This bill will hurt people, especially women. As a result, more women will choose to not have children or relationships with men at all. My husband and I wanted more children, but knowing as a Texas resident, I could be penalized or left to die if I needed an abortion in order to save my life, we both made the difficult decision to get medically sterilized. Bills like these are not about saving lives or protecting children and you all know it. If that's what you cared about, you'd focus on funding education, feeding kids at school, reforming gun laws, etc.

Kathy Ponce

Self

Maypearl, TX

The abortion pill is a dangerous drug that not only kills a child. But can bring horrible physical consequences to the user. Often times the abortion pill is used as birth control. We must pass this bill not only to protect The unborn but to protect women as well

Peggy Thomas
Representing myself
Amarillo, TX

I am in favor of this bill. Please vote "YES" for HB 7. IT CLOSES THE LOOPHOLE that was left in the Heartbeat Act.

Kelli Bryant
Self
Edgewood, TX

First and foremost, this is not flood related, and that should be the priority. Number two the government has no business in women's health. More importantly, the government has no business trying to practice medicine or determine how medicine should be practiced.

Grace Ortiz, Mrs
Self
San Antonio, TX

If the reason for passing abortion bans is to protect lives, then why don't they care about the women it kills and the actual living breathing children that are suffering. Abortion is healthcare and Impeading that ability to access will kill so many more then it "saves".

Vanessa Miller
Self
Austin, TX

I'm asking you to vote NO on HB 7. Texans deserve safe, accessible health care, not more punishment, fear, and surveillance. Please protect our communities and reject this dangerous bill.

Andrew Fenstermaker
self
Rowlett, TX

I strongly oppose HB 7. This bill represents yet another attempt to strip Texans of their fundamental rights, this time by criminalizing access to safe, FDA-approved medication and punishing those who provide it. By restricting the manufacture and distribution of abortion-inducing drugs, HB 7 interferes not only with reproductive freedom but also with the practice of medicine and the ability of individuals to make private healthcare decisions with their doctors.

Existing Texas abortion restrictions already create dangerous uncertainty for both patients and physicians, with vague language that leaves doctors hesitate on when to provide life-saving care in fear of retribution by the state. The lack of clear exceptions for medical necessity forces women to endure severe complications and risk death before treatment is legally "safe" to provide.

This legislation further overreaches by attempting to extend Texas's jurisdiction far beyond its borders, undermining the authority of other states and federal law. Such provisions will invite costly legal battles and further isolate Texas from national standards of care. The "qui tam" enforcement mechanism creates a vigilante system where private citizens are empowered to police personal healthcare choices, turning neighbors against one another and further eroding trust in our communities.

Every Texan deserves the right to bodily autonomy, access to evidence-based medicine, and protection from political interference in personal healthcare. HB 7 disregards those rights. Rather than safeguarding Texans, it endangers public health, invites legal chaos, and deepens inequities in our state.

I urge lawmakers to reject HB 7 and instead focus on legislation that supports families through accessible healthcare, childcare, and education—real solutions that strengthen Texas communities rather than divide them.

Alexandra Yost

Self

Austin, TX

I am against this bill. This is not safe for women and puts their lives at risk.

Alene Sartwell-McDaniel

Self

White Settlement, TX

Leave women's health care alone! This "emergency session" was to address the floods! This is just looking for another way to make it unsafe for women in Texas.

Breanna Kennon

Self pharmacy tech

San Antonio, TX

These are life saving medications that can be used for more than just abortion. Quit wasting our money on bullshit. Banning supposed "abortion" medication then we should ban viagra as well.

Danelle Edgerton

Self Tech

Austin, TX

What happens in other states is not under Texas jurisdiction. 'Abortion inducing drugs' are used for other purposes. This law is tantamount to practicing medicine without a license. The states infringement on person freedoms is out of control.

Sandra Arias

Grandmother's against Babies slaughtered

San Antonio, TX

Abortion inducing drugs, the MURDERS of INNOCENT BABIES IN THE WOMB OF THEIR MOTHERS

Jocelyn Berg

self

Dallas, TX

Continuing to try and restrict medication abortions when it is clear that the Texans who want them WILL find ways to get them is pointless, a waste of taxpayer money, and only makes obtaining an abortion more dangerous. Instead, Texas should be focusing on making sex education comprehensive, to reduce the number of unwanted pregnancies in the first place. If representative Leach truly wants to stop abortions, that is how you do that. There will always be people who abort their pregnancies. Whether they do so through legal means or not does not change that fact. But if it is legal for them to do so, it is safer for them to do so. Which, even if you believe that a child's life begins at conception, means that you can either have a state where those who seek to end their pregnancy risk losing their own life, or only the abortion occurs. You can either risk losing two Texans, or one. By this logic, the better option is ALWAYS to create comprehensive sex education, make abortion safe and legal, and THAT will ACTUALLY reduce abortion numbers. Continuing to try and restrict medication abortion when people are clearly going to find ways to obtain one regardless is ludicrous.

Women will die if Texas continues to try and restrict medication abortion through these private rights of action. Women have died, and will continue to die, if abortion is not made more accessible in the state of Texas. And their blood is going to be on Representative Leach's hands, and on the hands of every person who votes for this bill. You all will have to live with that guilt for the rest of your lives, and will have to pay for those deaths that you caused when you finally meet your maker. Let God handle those who "murder babies". If you are correct, they will pay one day anyways, and those children are surely in a better place. If you are not, you are simply causing the deaths of countless women in the state of Texas by forcing them to try dangerous methods to end their unwanted pregnancies. And causing plenty of children to suffer by forcing them to be born to parents who don't even want them.

This is setting aside that this bill is trying to legislate people who are not within the state of Texas. Which is something that Texas simply cannot do. You can't make it illegal to do something in the state of New York from Texas. That's not how that works. You are wasting everyone's time with this pointless virtue signaling. It's not going to reduce the number of abortions in the state of Texas. It will only make them more dangerous.

Lucy Frost, MS

SELF

Manchaca, TX

I strongly oppose this bill.

HB?7 doesn't protect women—it endangers them by stripping access to essential care. Whether managing a miscarriage or treating postpartum hemorrhage, these drugs save lives. Turning citizens into litigators and ignoring medical oversight marks a dangerous escalation in state intrusion into personal health.

Women suffering miscarriages have already been turned away from Texas hospitals because doctors feared breaking vague laws. This bill doubles down on that cruelty, replacing medical judgment with lawsuits and fear. The human cost is real: families losing mothers, partners, and daughters because the state won't trust doctors to do their jobs.

I ask you to vote against this bill.

Laura Pratt, Mrs.

None

DALLAS, TX

I am a Texas Resident and I am writing in opposition of HB 7 as it is written. Abortion is reproductive healthcare, and the access should not be made restrictive for girls and women and their families. This bill will not only curtail access for Texas residents to the medication from the manufacturer, this bill will also embolden third parties to involve themselves for personal benefit.

Fonda Wilkinson Seitz

self, parent, writer, human-centered designer

Austin, TX

Abortion is health care. Miscarriage care is health care. Don't be fooled by the vanity title of HB 7; it's a lie. With every step to reduce access to abortion and miscarriage care, you are putting women and children in more danger, not protecting them.

If you cannot actually help protect us by supporting our health care, at least just stay out of the way.

Fonda J Wilkinson Seitz

Austin, TX

Stefanie Crock

Self

Austin, TX

Abortion medications are extremely safe and used all over the world to protect women's lives. Please don't pass this bill.

Holly Hansel

Self

Austin, TX

Hello, I am writing regarding HB 7. As someone who loves history, I would like to open with a little history lesson. In Ancient Rome, there was a plant known as Silphium—a plant that was so important to the Roman world that it was depicted on the back of their coins and was so important to the Romans that it was harvested to near extinction in the Mediterranean. Why was this plant so important? This plant was an herbal birth control and was an important part of Rome's trading economy due to this and other herbal benefits. Romans understood the financial & reproductive benefits of Silphium, & as such, it has been immortalized on their money, not banned or denied to their people. People, over 2000 years ago, were seeking & benefiting from birth control.

Today, in a world that should be more advanced than a society from a millennium ago, we are moving backwards. Texas banned abortions, & maternal mortality is higher than ever, increasing by over 56% since 2019. 78% of Texas voters think that abortion in some form should be allowed. Now, Texas lawmakers are coming after abortion inducing medication. The only access to abortion care that we Texans have at this time is medication & services from other states. This also goes for instances where the pregnancy is non-viable and/or the mother's life is at risk. In Texas the rate of sepsis has increased by 50% after women lose their pregnancies in the second trimester. Mothers, wives & partners are dying because doctors are being denied the right to do what is necessary to save their lives when a pregnancy is at risk. How does a just society proclaiming to be free justify women not having equal healthcare access as their male counterparts? Is a man culpable for every time his reproductive cells (potentials for life) are wasted, & not used for procreation? If this idea seems ridiculous, then imagine how it feels to have the government care more about a potential cluster of cells within you than you.

I love babies & understand the discomfort when considering this subject, but there is a distinct difference between an embryo, a fetus, & a baby. An embryo is a cluster of multiplying cells in the first 8 weeks (2 months) of pregnancy, only becoming a fetus after 9 weeks, & a neonate, or newborn baby, only after being born. Many people naturally miscarry during early-stage pregnancies because the pregnancy is non-viable. About 10%-20% of pregnancies end in miscarriage, but the number may be closer to 40% due to the number of unknown pregnancies that miscarry before the 10-week mark. Many people who miscarry & receive proper medical attention later go on to have healthy babies & families.

If we want a life for all babies, then we need to make a life worth living. Instead of taking away medical care & medication, let us instead actively improve the quality of life in Texas. Let us improve maternal care & mandate longer periods of maternal/paternal leave & guaranteed job security. Let us support Texan families.

Sophia Mirto

Self

Austin, TX

Over and over again, we the people illustrate the deep harm that healthcare bans visit upon Texas families. Over and over again, the most extreme Christian nationalists in the state of Texas push their anti-woman agenda. Abortion bans do not prevent abortion, they only prevent Texas families making safe healthcare decisions with all of the information. This bill would further devastate bodily autonomy in the state of Texas and is a violation of state rights. Spending tax money in the courts to defend unconstitutional legislation is the opposite of small government and it's the opposite of what Texans want

Matthew Marsh

Self

Round Rock, TX

None of these help anyone and we should be focusing on flood relief. This bill is intended to criminalize women and those who provide them healthcare based on personal and religious preferences.

Asha Petrich

Self

Temple, TX

Not only will this bill save lives, but it was also provide legal recourse for Texans. Abortion is murder, and this bill will strengthen Texas as a right-to-life state, bringing upon it a blessing from God. I want Texas blessed, abounding, and righteous in all her laws. Let's pass HB7 and make that happen. Thank you.

Kevin Allen, TTU Senator-at-Large, TCR Chief of Staff, Patient Advocate for Texas

Self

Lubbock, TX

As a proud citizen of Lubbock and West Texas, I, Kevin Allen, strongly support HB 7 because our community has always stood for protecting families, defending children, and upholding the dignity of women. Lubbock is known as the largest "sanctuary city for the unborn" in America, and we have consistently led the way in showing Texas—and the nation—that family values matter.

The Woman and Child Protection Act builds on the principles that Lubbock has already embraced. It ensures stronger safeguards for mothers and children, reinforces parental rights, and keeps Texas families secure from harmful policies that undermine our values.

Lubbock families know firsthand the importance of protecting the vulnerable. Supporting HB 7 means standing with our community, standing with West Texas, and ensuring that Texas remains a leader in defending women, children, and families. Having aided in advocating for legislation as the Patient Advocate for the State of Texas, I strongly urge and support the passing of HB7, as not passing would be giving permission to poison Texans, place more women in hospitals and allow pharma to place a strain on Texas Healthcare and Hospitals, a tactical move by democrats and companies seeking to push the unethical medical limits of medicine for profit and political gain. If we do such a bill is not passed, and Texas does not act strategically to shut down companies that sell abortion pills, then legislators will be gambling with the lives of Texans, while permitting companies do harm citizens, until irreversible damage is done to not only the population but to our strained healthcare systems and hospitals. We cannot allow profit margins masked as medications to take precedent over the lives of Texans. I am more than happy to work with legislators while attending Texas Tech University. Just reach out to me. Kevin Allen, lonestarlung@gmail.com 806 438 4938

Nikkolette Vela

Self

San antonio, TX

Abortion inducing drugs are life saving and a person choice for a person who can carry a fetus and their provider. Legal punishment for dictating the your own future is cruel. Unplanned pregnancy often results in harm for both the birthed child and adult carrying especially in cases of rape and incest. As lesbian and a survivor of rape and sexual assault from men I was luck to have access to emergency contraceptives and that me being violated didn't result in a child that i would not be able to care for.

Linda Lockhart

Self

Cross Plains, TX

I strongly support HB 7

Nita Vance, MPH

Self

Houston, TX

Attention Texas Legislatures,

My name is Nita Vance.

I am writing to strongly oppose bills HB7 and SB8 because these bills will cause devastating harm to women's health, safety, and human dignity in Texas. Restricting reproductive healthcare and limiting the rights of transgender individuals are not only violations of basic freedoms but also create dangerous and discriminatory conditions for Texans.

HB7 and SB8 would:

- Ban abortion procedures and medication even in cases of rape, incest, or severe fetal anomalies. This forces women to carry pregnancies against their will.
- Criminalize medical professionals for providing life-saving care, creating fear and hesitation in emergency situations.
- Force transgender individuals to use public spaces based on their sex assigned at birth instead of their gender identity. This is wrong because it invades privacy, denies individuals the right to live authentically, and exposes them to humiliation and danger. You will see the outcome of this will result in:
 - An Increase of harassment and violence by creating a climate of fear and encouraging strangers to police and personally enforce this law.
 - Promote stigmatization and discrimination by legislating trans people out of public life and normalizing exclusion from everyday spaces

The consequences of these laws are severe.

Please review current maternal and infant mortality rates and you will see:

- Texas already has one of the highest maternal mortality rates in the country, and after SB8 went into effect, maternal deaths increased significantly over 50% higher than before.
- Infant deaths also rose by nearly 13% in Texas after abortion bans were enacted, including a sharp increase in deaths due to congenital anomalies.
- Physicians are reporting delays in care for life-threatening conditions like ectopic pregnancies and sepsis, putting women at greater risk of death.

For transgender individuals, these policies deny safety and dignity, making them more vulnerable to bullying, violence, and unnecessary mental torment.

Instead of prioritizing the health and dignity of Texans, these bills turn deeply personal healthcare and identity decisions into political battles. Our state should not move backward by stripping away rights and protections that generations have fought to secure.

I urge you to vote NO on HB7 and SB8. Protect the lives, rights, and dignity of all Texans by rejecting legislation that increases maternal mortality, endangers doctors, discriminates against transgender individuals, and undermines healthcare and personal freedom.

Thank you for your time and commitment to the people you serve.

Sincerely,

Nita Vance

Houston, Texas

Gabino BARRERA

Self

Del Rio, TX

Please pass HB7 (Woman And Child Protection Act (WCPA)) to help save Women and Babies from chemical abortions and that pollute our water system.

- Texas should be able to protect Texans from companies that sell and profit from abortion pills that hurt people/Texans
 - Texas Women who are harmed by illegal abortions need to be able to have recourse against abortion pill manufacturers and distributors
 - Texas and Texans should be able to stop abortionists and distributors who break Texas laws
 - Abortion Pills harm everybody
 - kill a preborn child who is sharing space, flesh and blood with his/her mom
 - hurt the mom of the preborn child who take the abortion pill unsupervised and unmonitored and many times (1 in 10) have to be rushed to the hospital for medical care to save their life
 - Children are flushed down the toilet and into the sanitary water system (SWS) where evidence proves that Fats, Oils, & Triglycerides, which includes human and animal tissue, clog the SWS and causes Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs)
 - Hormonal Contraceptive Chemicals are passed through the chemical abortion and women's urine and blood into the SWS which cannot be removed from recycled, treated water that is consumed by all residents causing many side effects to humans and humanity, and other animals
- Texas is pro-life, yet over the last dozen years, that mostly focused on stopping surgical abortions, the killing of pre-born children has tragically just mutated to chemical abortions. The net effect is that due to the chemical abortion killing pills, approximately the same amount of babies being killed remains the same.

The Texas Legislature needs to stop the killing pill so we can indeed be a pro-life state, protect women/moms, defend babies, and preserve our drinking water for all Texans.

More than 130 Pro-Life Leaders and Organizations have called on the Governor and the TxLege to act to pass the Woman and Child Protection Act and end the hidden invasion of chemical abortion.

The Texas Electorate has made it clear in its voting that they are ProLife and want Texas to be ProLife.

It's critical to know:

??•Every "successful" abortion ends a human life.

??•Abortion pills are dangerous to women. A groundbreaking study by the Ethics and Public Policy Center, the largest-ever of its kind, examined over 865,000 cases from 2017-2023 and found:

- 1 in 10 women who take abortion pills suffer serious complications, including hemorrhage, sepsis, and infection.¹
- ?? - These drugs are 22 times more dangerous than the FDA currently reports.²

??•In 2023 alone, abortion pills accounted for 700,000 abortions in the U.S., with tens of thousands entering Texas illegally.³

??•Women who abort face an 81% higher risk of mental health problems, including anxiety, depression, and substance abuse.⁴

The Woman and Child Protection Act is the next essential step to build on Texas's Pro-Life legacy. The time to act is now. Don't let 19,000+ more babies die.

Gabino BARRERA

SELF

Del Rio, TX

You must STOP these drugs from being allowed or available to kill the unborn! I AM AGAINST THE KILLING OF THE UNBORN!

Catherine Healy, Mrs.

Self

San Antonio, TX

"I urge you to pass House Bill 7, the Woman and Child Protection Act. I strongly believe that every life deserves to be protected, from fertilization to natural death. However, even with our current Pro-Life laws, tens of thousands of abortion pills are mailed into our state each year, killing preborn babies. Texans need more tools to bring about justice for abortionists and activists who send deadly drugs to our communities. Please quickly advance HB 7 through the committee, so Pro-Life citizens can save preborn children and defend their mothers from abortion pills. Thank you."

Sandra Vela

Self

Mission, TX

The state government is yet again, abusing their power. This bill will dictate goes over the reach of the Texan government as to dictate the laws and regulations of other states. The Texan people have the right to privacy. Abortion by medication is the safest way to administer an abortion. You will be cutting access to thousands of women and others to accessing healthcare and what these individuals have deemed necessary to protect their bodies. This is fascist and authoritarian. Hands off our bodies! We are not cows for the government to breed and to pump out babies for you to turn your backs on children and their parents to fend for ourselves. Get a life and stop trying to control our bodies, you weirdos.

Andra Haney

Self

Fair Oaks Ranch, TX

I strongly support this bill. Please protect the lives of women and babies by voting for this bill. Women are not protected as long as someone can obtain these abortion pills and sneak it into a pregnant woman's drink, unbeknownst to her. Please support this bill.

Brian Wood

Self

Pflugerville, TX

I believe this is a waste of tax payer money, and I do not support this bill. Texans would be better served with improvements to our crumbling infrastructure which is aged and inadequate to support the growing population of Texas.

jessy morris

Self, nonprofit

Austin, TX

This will KILL WOMEN ! This protects NO ONE and only makes it harder for people to access healthcare they deserve !

Donna Phillips

Self

The Hills, TX

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Michael A. Gutierrez
Self, Program Coordinator
El Paso, TX

I strongly oppose HB7 because it endangers patient safety, undermines trust in healthcare, and erodes personal freedoms by placing private citizens in the role of bounty hunters against providers of essential medication. This bill will create confusion and fear for doctors and pharmacies who already face impossible decisions when treating miscarriages or ectopic pregnancies, forcing patients to suffer delays in care that could be life-threatening. It opens the door to harassment and profiteering through frivolous lawsuits, burdens our courts with indeterminate costs, and attempts to override the laws of other states in a way that invites constitutional conflict. Texans deserve laws that protect health, safeguard privacy, and respect freedom, not legislation that weaponizes litigation and punishes people for seeking or providing medical care.

Alan Weissling
Self
San Antonio, TX

I am against the prohibition of abortion inducing drugs. It is the choice of the person and not the government to make personal health decisions

Allison Zarate
Self
San Antonio, TX

My name is Allison and I am writing in opposition to HB 7 and any other bills that may reflect this rhetoric.

Miriam Aguirre
Self
El Paso, TX

My name is Miriam Aguirre and I stand strongly in opposition against HB 7.

This bill continues the disgusting trend of controlling the reproductive futures of women (and anyone else with a uterus) and not allowing full autonomy of their bodies.

I am appalled that this bill has even made it this far. I do not care if people are using their “religion” as an excuse to prohibit abortion. Your religion does not get to dictate the way I live my life or anyone else’s. Get religion out of public politics and out of my body.

These are decisions we get to make with our health providers and other medical professionals. You people do not have the qualifications or evidence to be banning this necessary and life-saving medication. Texans want accessible and safe abortions.

The maternal mortality rate, especially for people of color, is disappointingly high. Taking away abortion pills as an option is heinous and will continue to kill many people.

People who need to pass a miscarriage (considered a SPONTANEOUS abortion on medical documentation) use these pills to remove the remaining tissue left in their bodies. If it does not get removed safely, these people can get sepsis and die.

I hope as public servants that you reconsider your stances on this bill and actually protect and consider the people you are serving. The people of Texas deserve and need safe abortion options. Do not continue taking them away.

William Carter
self - electrical engineer
Whitehouse, TX

Please support this bill

May Nguyen
self
Houston, TX

I am opposing House Bill 7. HB 7 will create a nationwide abortion bounty hunt, further isolating Texans who are seeking medical care and intimidate anyone who helps us. This bill interferes with my personal freedom and right to access essential healthcare. It undermines abortion access for Texans already facing multiple barriers to healthcare.

As a family physician, I have seen people who develop serious, life-threatening health problems while pregnant. Protecting healthcare access is essential for helping people be healthy.

This is yet another attempt to turn neighbors into spies, and it is deeply unpopular in our state. Texans have already rejected this approach in Amarillo. Voters voted down the targeting of neighbors who help others access abortion care because we see this for what it is: government overreach. We do not want to be punished for seeking care or see our loved ones sued for offering help.

For years Texans have struggled to access even the most basic healthcare and the abortion ban has only worsened our quality of life. Maternal deaths in Texas have increased by 56%, sepsis rates have surged 50%, and infant mortality has increased by 13%. These are our lives and our loved ones in the heartbreaking statistics. At such a crucial moment, the state government should be doing anything but further criminalizing abortion care for Texans. For these reasons I oppose HB 7.

John R. Bean
self
San Antonio, TX

As a father and a Christian, I believe that all children are designated by God to be born in His likeness. This bill will continue to protect the unborn children from being murdered and it's passage is necessary. Please pass this bill out of committee ASAP so it can get the floor votes which are already there to be passed. Do not be obstructionist to the will of the Texas voters.

Phyllis Levy
Self
Fort Worth, TX

I have voted Republican for a long time. I have now given up on the party. You have gone too far backward on women's rights. If this bill is passed, it will be another law that harms women. You will no longer have my vote.

Sheila Bean
self
Lampasas, TX

"I've noticed that everyone who is FOR abortion has already been born." Ronald Reagan. Please stop the killing of innocent children by passing HB7/SB8 during this Special Session. Abortion both kills innocent children (would people support abortion if they could see the child - NO) and causes lifelong emotional distress for the mother of the aborted child. Please pass this Bill out of committee for a floor vote ASAP!

Sam Abiog
Self
Bryan, TX

As a mom of 4 daughters, who will become future mothers I am in favor of HB 7 to cherish and protect motherhood and for the stop the sale and distribution of abortion inducing drugs in the state of Texas

Dianne Mouw
self
Kempner, TX

We need to protect our children

Kathleen McCausey
self/victim advocate
Lakeway, TX

I am Kathleen McCausey and I'm writing to express my firm opposition to HB 7 and any other efforts to restrict access to medication abortion, such as mifepristone and misoprostol. HB 7 seeks to completely cut off access to medication abortion from inside and outside of Texas and isolate pregnant Texans from anyone who can help them. This is the fourth abortion ban that our lawmakers are pushing for instead of what Texans need.

Emily Shelley Shelley
Self
Austin, TX

I oppose hb 7, as I believe everyone should be able to access medication abortion drugs

David Di Piro
Self
Fort Worth, TX

You people, like all of us, will stand before God someday and I shudder to think how that would turn out if we know in our heart, the truth. Are we here in this place and time to follow the way of the world or the way of God? I think we all know the answer.

Kimberly Elpin
Self
Copperas Cove, TX

I strongly support

Hanna Malone
Self
Amarillo, TX

My name is Hanna Malone and I am opposing House Bill 7. HB 7 will create a nationwide abortion bounty hunt, further isolating Texans who are seeking medical care and intimidate anyone who helps us. This bill interferes with my personal freedom and right to access essential healthcare. It undermines abortion access for Texans already facing multiple barriers to healthcare. I believe that individuals should have a right to make medical decisions based on their own experiences and that no government should be able to dictate how that healthcare should apply. It is complete and total government control and overreach. Something that Americans and Texans have historically fought to achieve freedom from. This is yet another attempt to turn neighbors into spies, and it is deeply unpopular in our state. Texans have already rejected this approach in Amarillo. Voters voted down the targeting of neighbors who help others access abortion care because we see this for what it is: government overreach. We do not want to be punished for seeking care or see our loved ones sued for offering help.

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Marsha McGlasson
Myself
San Antonio, TX

Stay out of the personal business of women. Not your place to make decisions for women or families

Jean Shortsleeve
Chronicles 7:14 Initiative
Garland, TX

I agree, safe spaces for women & girls, & NO men or wanna be "women" in biological women's spaces. I agree NO abortion pill to terminate pregnancy. Too dangerous, it gives the baby No choice no voice & it is murder & hurts both mother & child, physically, mentally, emotionally & spiritually. Please protect our women & our innocent babies / fetuses. God is Watching His Angels are recording your votes for all eternity. Vote Wisely, Righteously & Justly, in His Precious Name. He did not die for us in vain.

Laura Rios Ramirez
Self
San Antonio, TX

Bans off our bodies! No to HB 7! Safe abortion is our right!

Donna Bening
citizen -retired
Plano, TX

I oppose these restrictions.

Lauren Miller, Ms
Self, regenerative agriculture and sustainability professional
Dallas, TX

HB7 is an anti-women, anti-child bill that infantilizes women and gives extra power to abusive partners. The Texas legislature has far more to focus on right now, such as disaster prevention and public education, and it is galling that with three abortion bans on the record, that the legislature would prioritize a fourth.

I've lived the dangers of those bans. I was pregnant with twins and extremely ill. Tragically, one of my twins was not viable and had a long list of fatal diagnoses, including fluid where most of his brain should have been. As decided by the Texas legislature, Texas Attorney General, and Texas Supreme Court, heading towards organ failure was not dead enough for an abortion of our unviable twin to protect our healthy twin and myself.

You lie and say that there are exceptions for health of the mother, like in SB31, but how close to organ damage did I need to get? What uACR must I hit? Proteinuria? Coherence of speech? Level of consciousness? These are questions for doctors, not politicians, because abortion is healthcare.

The existence of exceptions proves that anti-abortion politicians and disinformants recognize that abortion is healthcare. They just want to control when you can access it.

Pregnancy has been far more dangerous for me than any medication that I have ever taken. Even my "normal" first pregnancy has left me with constant pain and side effects years later - my muscles were ripped from bone during labor. I cannot even run anymore because of the side effects of pregnancy. I nearly lost my life in my second pregnancy because of the side effects of pregnancy. Pregnant patients are perfectly capable of making their own decisions regarding medication abortion and there should not be any dramatization of medication abortion side effects over the dangers of pregnancy.

Don't lie to anyone and say that this legislation is about protecting women and children, particularly not when your other greatest priority has been a power grab at the behest of an adjudicated rapist known to consort with a pedophile sex trafficker. The truth is simply that a fetus will never hold you accountable for your failures to the people of this state.

Lauren Harcourt

Self-admin

Spring, TX

How will creating and offering a bounty to people who turn in citizens (that they themselves have deemed given aid to abortion healthcare) be accountable?? Anyone can say this about anyone and we will be using taxpayer dollars to either “prove” or “disprove” a claim?? How is this helpful??

Madeline Pederson

Self - Medical Student

Austin, TX

As a medical student who was born and raised in Texas, attended college in Texas, and hopes to practice as an OB-GYN physician here in Texas, I strongly oppose HB 7. It restricts physicians' ability to deliver evidence-based care for not only reproductive health complications but for a variety of other uses of mifepristone and misoprostol. These drugs are used to induce labor, to help women experiencing miscarriages and postpartum hemorrhage, manage Cushing's syndrome, and to treat and prevent gastric ulcers. As a hopeful future OB-GYN, I will eventually have patients who may need mifepristone or misoprostol for any of the above indications. HB 7 would scare drug manufacturers away from providing these life-saving drugs to Texas for fear of lawsuits. This bill would worsen the problem of women performing unsafe abortions because of a lack of access to any form of medical treatment for complicated or unwanted pregnancies.

The effects of this bill will worsen the growing trend of OB-GYNs leaving or choosing not to train in Texas. An AAMC study found that states with strict abortion ban laws have already experienced a 16% drop in OB-GYN residency program applications. This number will only increase as legislators further tread on physicians' ability to provide adequate care. When I discussed my ambitions with faculty at my medical school, I was told that I will have to leave Texas if I want to be able to fully train as an OB-GYN. The Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education requires that OB-GYN residents receive training on abortion and miscarriage care to be fully certified. With the current Texas laws, it becomes extremely risky for OB-GYNs, both the resident doctors in training as well as doctors who have been practicing for decades.

Texas simply cannot afford to be passing bills like HB 7. The majority of Texas counties are designated as "maternity care deserts," meaning there are no accessible centers for prenatal care. Texas ranks 50th out of 50 states in terms of access to high-quality prenatal and maternal care. Our maternal mortality rate is among the highest in the nation. These are preventable issues, and part of my desire to become an OB-GYN is so that I can work to reduce these health disparities and improve women's health in our state. The bill's title, "Texas Woman and Child Protection Act," is ridiculous. Limiting doctors' ability to do their jobs and driving medical providers away from our state protects no one. I urge you to oppose HB 7 and protect the future of healthcare for Texas women.

Noreen Giga

self, Research Manager

Houston, TX

I oppose HB 7. I oppose women and babies being harmed and denied access to critical, life-saving care. Abortion pills are FDA-approved, safe, and are used to treat multiple conditions like miscarriages and hemorrhages. I do not want to live in a state that would block this life-saving care. My husband and I would like to have another child, but I do not feel safe getting pregnant in a state that blocks life-saving care for pregnant women. Politicians are not qualified to provide medical advice or medical care. Only trained health care providers can do that. Additionally, I believe that individuals should have access to bodily autonomy and make decisions that are best for themselves and their families. And again, abortion pills are FDA-approved, safe, and used to treat necessary medical conditions. Who is this protecting? It is not protecting me.

I am also opposed to this bill because it would allow anyone to file lawsuits for cash. I do not feel safe living in a state where residents are incentivized to police their neighbors. Additionally, I am opposed to this bill because it would put abortion providers in states where abortion is legal at risk. This bill goes well beyond the reach of the state of Texas.

It is disgusting to me that politicians feel it is more important to regulate women's bodies instead of keeping all of us safe by passing necessary measures on flood relief.

Katie Bashford

Self

Austin, TX

No more abortion bans!!

Anne Mashek

Self

BELTON, TX

I'm opposed to this bill because abortion inducing drugs are important to healthcare and are used in more than one way. I have suffered many, many miscarriages, and these medications were prescribed responsibly and knowledgeably by my healthcare providers to treat my situation. Prohibiting the manufacture and distribution within Texas is harmful for all Texans. Criminalizing it shows how ignorant and cruel current Congressman Leach and others are on this topic.

Rebecca Davenport

Self

Austin, TX

I oppose HB7 because it is blatant government overreach—trying to control Texans' private health care decisions even when they seek care out of state. On top of that, it deputizes civilians to press charges against their neighbors, creating fear and division instead of safety. Abortion is health care, and politicians have no right to police it.

Sondra Rolater, RN FNP-C

Self

Lampasas, TX

I am totally opposed to to having another abortion ban. Stop targeting women and their rights to make their own decisions about their health.

april coleman

self

Haltom City, TX

please do not vote in support of this bill.

Shelby Flores, Mrs

Myself

Lancaster, TX

As a mom who had a baby with anencephaly why ban this and make us women walking graves ?

Lauren Trujillo, Mrs

Self, full time mother

Tomball, TX

As a Texas resident I am opposed to HB7 because a woman's medical decisions should be between her and her medical team. I am further concerned because of the sometimes deadly consequences these bills have on mothers. Restricting access to abortion has delayed life saving care for mothers and caused unnecessary suffering for families.

Kelly Espinoza

Self

Celina, TX

This is WRONG. Abortion IS healthcare: the long term ramifications of these blatant attacks against women must stop!

Amy Hargrove

Self

Argyle, TX

This bill should not be passed under any circumstances. Healthcare decisions belong to doctors and patients, and the restrictions included in this bill will negatively impact thousands of Texans, denying healthcare and medications that are essential for preserving the lives of women.

Katy Encalade

Self- small business owner

Prosper, TX

We do not want any prohibitions to medications that could limit the care of women during pregnancy. I urge you to vote no.

Alison Fonseca

Self

Argyle, TX

No one should be taking healthcare away from women! Abortion is healthcare for women so that they can survive . No one should ever tell a woman what to do with their body. Limiting abortion access is a double standard when men are the main reason for crime in our country. Women deserve full access to healthcare.

Anna Worthy

Self/engineering mgr

Austin, TX

Stay out of medical procedures. This is extreme overreach into our personal lives & incentivizing neighbors to turn in each other for a payout. There is no reason these laws should be added to the already extreme government control of health devising and procedures. Focus on gun safety and better health care for children & parents if you want to protect the children. Focus on legislating the sperm!!

Tammy Pinon

Self

Azle, TX

Women's autonomy is essential to our democracy! Please! Do not pass HB 7 Leach! Stand up for the rights of all of us. Thank you!

Elizabeth Ward

Self, teacher

Roanoke, TX

I am absolutely opposed to this bill.

Abortion is healthcare, simple as that. And this bill is incredibly harmful, because it will make it increasingly difficult for pregnant people to receive this critical healthcare in the appropriate time frame. There are thousands of reasons that a person may need to go through with an abortion, whether it is personal or medical, and it is incredibly harmful to make it even more difficult to access this type of critical healthcare.

I am a person who is capable of becoming pregnant, and this bill terrifies me. If I ever was in a situation where I needed to have an abortion, I would absolutely want there to be viable options for me to access this type of healthcare. Private citizens should be empowered to make the healthcare choices that are best for them, and healthcare providers should be allowed to support these decisions for their clients without fear of legal action against them.

If the aim of this bill is to be "pro-life", there are countless other ways to actually provide real support to the humans that are currently living and breathing in this state. This bill is not the answer. This bill will only cause harm to the citizens of Texas by further limiting their healthcare options.

Samantha Casiano

Myself

New Waverly, TX

I firmly disagree with this bill. Abortion is health care and some women need this to survive! Seriously take a deep breath and look at what exactly your doing and think of your own bloodline in situations very many have been in. Do not fail us!

Hollie Cunningham

Self

Celina, TX

Texas doesn't need another abortion ban like HB7. Families here are already suffering under the current laws—women are being denied critical care, and lives are being put at risk. Adding more restrictions will only cause more pain instead of offering real solutions. What Texas needs is compassion, access to healthcare, and trust in families and doctors to make the best decisions for themselves.

Brittany Payne

Self

League city, TX

As a woman in Texas I am terrified to become pregnant again. I know that my chance of dying is significantly higher due to the current abortion bans in place. I am even more terrified knowing that Texas would want to sentence me to die rather than let me travel to get life saving care in another state if I needed to. That if my friend is dying, I could be punished for watching her children while she goes and gets help. Texas politicians supporting this bill hate women. We all feel it. Prove us wrong and vote NO on this bill.

Ashley Hansen

Self

Austin, TX

We cannot have any further abortion ban restrictions than we already do here. These meds save lives and women have the right to them...lives of people like your wife and daughters and friends. Think about them first, please.

Donna Pardue

Self, accountant

Austin, TX

Men who don't even understand women's anatomy, much less how it works, or the issues they have that result in physical, emotional and economic hardships related to reproductive health, should stop trying to legislate things that are rightly decisions for a physician and a patient. Write a bill about oppressing your own bodily autonomy and personal freedom, instead.

Susan Kellogg, Ms

Self, retired

Lakeway, TX

I very much hope this bill will not pass and urge House members to vote against it. The infringement in this state on women's freedom to control their own bodies and lives is already extreme, but the attempt to spread these efforts to the rest of the country through state law is deeply unconstitutional. When I moved to Texas, I thought I was coming to a place that respected, even revered, freedom, but that has not turned out to be the case. Instead, women of the state are subjected to Inquisition-like tactics of surveillance and control, and now this bill seeks to bring these tactics to all other states. I hope you care for women's health and freedom and decline to pass this bill.

Kelsey Cathcart

Self

Austin, TX

As a women's health care provider and a woman who is pregnant, this is dangerous, inhumane, and unacceptable.

Chelsey Rothenberg

Self

Pflugerville, TX

This bill would seriously negatively affect many many women in the state of Texas. You're allowing the state to intervene on a decision that should be made between a woman and her doctor. There is no room for an entire legislature unsure of a Dr's office

Jeannine Lee

Self

Garland, TX

This bill is cruel and will cause great harm to women, especially in rural communities where we are losing OB medical care and hospitals. That you continue to spend time to formulate and push forward a personal agenda of the extreme right instead of taking care of more important issues impacting Texans shows you don't belong in this important elected position. Vote NO for this bill.

Sadie Anomalous

Self

Austin, TX

This bill creates an unsafe environment for women to have safe and supported pregnancies, and Texas has already seen the effects from not allowing women to have this medication who die from abnormal pregnancies. This is why the birth rate has plummeted and will continue to, women create our life and need to feel safe and protected

Laurie Fremgen

Self

Austin, TX

For the love of God. These medications PROTECT women!! These medications SAVE lives. You are only causing more harm by restricting these meds. The Bible says NOTHING about abortion. And says life begins with breath.....if you actually read your own Book. So stop controlling women. Stop killing women. And do something good for once.

Sam Martin

Self

Frisco, TX

Let women and doctors determine the best care! Hands off our bodies! We want flood relief not draconian abortion laws!

Alex Gonzalez

Self

Fort Stockton, TX

Thank you for supporting and defending life. Please don't be afraid to fight evil...it is exactly that, evil. Killing babies has always been evil's agenda. God bless your fight.

Kelly YANDELL

Self

Dallas, TX

This bill is morality theater. It does nothing to protect women in a state that is at the bottom of the list for maternal health and safety. And in making miscarriage health care harder to obtain and more stigmatized, it makes being a pregnant person in Texas even more dangerous. I have two children who are young adults and I cannot in good conscience encourage them to move “home” during their child bearing years. Texas has become openly hostile to towards women and unsafe for pregnancy.

Furthermore, this legislation flies in the face of notions of bodily autonomy, small government, personal liberty, and tort reform... all concepts that were once central to any notion of conservatism.

This bill is embarrassing.

Please vote against this bill.

Isaac Cornelison

Self

Austin, TX

I care more about the potentiality of a women dying from pregnancy complications than I do a fetus. Women have love and life and family and friends to leave behind. I believe women can make their own decisions about their bodies. The continued effort by the Texas government to reduce women to second class citizens will eventually be the downfall of our state.

Chelsey Brimer

Self

Austin, TX

Talk about government overreach...how would the TX state government feel if other states tried to regulate what was happening here? Yall wouldn't like it, so why would you try to say what can happen in other states? This is not helpful to women's health needs and does not protect women. This is not the business of the government but instead an issue to be dealt with between a woman and her healthcare professionals. These medications have been proven safe time and time again so there is no reason this bill should exist. It most definitely should not pass out of this committee as it is a waste of time and tax dollars. Jeff Leach you should be ashamed of yourself for focusing on this type of legislation when the only thing that matters is relief for the flood victims and coming up with solutions to protect Texans from future disasters related to climate change. Texans deserve more from our state representatives. VOTE NO ON HB7.

Ashley Ellis

Self, nonprofit manager

Austin, TX

I oppose this with every fiber of my being. This will harm so many people.

Katherine Mesches

self

Austin, TX

Another outrage during the "special session for flood relief? When is that coming btw? First, are you seriously considering trying to legislate vs companies and govt bodies in other states?! That is beyond your purview and your rights. It is not what you were sent to Austin to do by your constituents. You also do not have the right to control me & my body outside of state lines. That is in violation of the constitution (one you swore an oath to uphold); my free speech, freedom of expression, rights to life liberty and the pursuit of happiness. It is bad enough that you passed one of the most restrictive women's healthcare laws in the country - but now you are trying to control our care outside of Texas - your only jurisdiction - as well?! Absolutely not. You do not have the right to control a law-abiding citizen like myself from traveling where I want, to do what I legally want, when I want or why. Those are federal laws guaranteeing me those rights - and you do not have the authority to take them away. I from me. I do not want my TX tax dollars spent surveilling law abiding women and their actions whether in the state or out. I do not want Texans to be financially encouraged to surveil and report on fellow citizens creating an untrained, unlawful, unrestricted police force reporting to no one. That also goes against the constitution - that you claim to love so much. I do not want my tax dollars used to fund such a private police force or to then have the AG use my state-funded resources to "represent" the fetus as the plaintiff in court. So appropriate that this bill attempts to authorize "qui tam" actions. The Latin phrase actually meaning "who sues on behalf of the King as well as for himself." The Texas maga GOP including greg abbott have confused our democracy with the authoritarian state you so desire. But, for now, we have no kings. And, the citizenry will not be forced to do the work for kings. The people of Texas have rejected your attempts at personhood laws before - stop trying to sneak them in special session after special session. If you want to help children you might take a look at maternal & infant mortality where Texas ranks in the bottom of the country, or our broken foster system rife with abuse and corruption, or gun control the leading cause of death for young people in Texas... A vote for this bill is a vote for the continue march to authoritarian control of Texas. Vote no.

Danny Callahan

self - physician in training

Austin, TX

My name is Daniel Callahan. I am a third year medical student at Texas Medical School. Growing up, I took a friend of mine to receive these pills after she experienced a sexual assault. I will never forget the fear and sadness in her eyes but her firm resolve as she took back the bodily autonomy that was so violently stolen from her.

It's our duty as public servants to be there for patients and friends when they are sick, when they are vulnerable, and when they feel like the whole world and their government is against them, I want to be for them. And as their elected officials, you need to be for them.

I have seen these medications used every single day dozens of times a day to save women and children's lives during and after childbirth. And by leaving distribution partners open to litigation, you run the risk of diminished or halted medication stock. You can assure that you will keep medication stock all you want. These distributors are also businesses who want to avoid litigation. They can make the sweeping decision to deny access, and no promises you make can change that.

The WHO presents worldwide studies showing very low rates of major complications (0.3%). This is less than the yearly risk of hospitalization in those who take ibuprofen regularly (and that's different from Tylenol, I'm sure some might not know that). In fact, the study that many individuals have mentioned today from the Ethics and Public Policy Center reporting a 10 percent complication rate analyzed an undisclosed source of insurance claims and is being criticized for its lack of methodological rigor and lack of data transparency. I have taken masters level courses in Biostatistics at Georgetown University, and this is not a study that would pass in an institutional board review due to its bias of origin and poor design.

With the passage of this bill, you will make Texas one of the most dangerous places to be pregnant in the United States. I implore you to reject house bill 7.

Alan West, Mr.

Self

Austin, TX

The "morning after" bill is NOT aborting a fetus and is an ANTIDOTE to abortion. The early the termination if pregnancy the better! And this is even before implantation of the zygote! Stop being so radical and impractical please. This is a "compromise issue." Please!

Shannon Bass

Self

Burleson, TX

Leave it available to women. I vote red but feel woman should have a choice with the plan b pill

Janna Oswald

Self, prosecutor

Houston, TX

Stop continuing to hurt Texas women's access to healthcare. The already overwhelming stats about women trying to access basic healthcare and not being able to get it in Texas leading to deaths should be enough for you all to stop these hateful actions.

Shannon Hix

Self

McKinney, TX

I strongly oppose this bill. Restricting the manufacturing and provision of abortion-inducing medication is not about protecting health—it is about stripping away personal freedom and access to safe medical care.

Medication abortion has been proven safe and effective for decades. Efforts to criminalize or block access put patients' lives at risk, especially those in rural areas or without the means to travel for care. This bill does not stop abortion; it only makes it more dangerous and less equitable.

Furthermore, authorizing qui tam actions invites harassment lawsuits against providers and manufacturers. It weaponizes the court system against doctors, pharmacists, and even family members, creating fear and confusion instead of providing support. Texans deserve healthcare decisions to be made between a patient and their doctor—not politicians or profit-seeking individuals.

This bill also represents a dangerous overreach of state power. Attempting to control judgments made outside of Texas and punishing companies across jurisdictions sets a precedent that undermines fairness, constitutional rights, and national consistency in healthcare access.

True respect for life includes respecting the lives and health of women, protecting their autonomy, and ensuring access to safe, evidence-based medical care. This bill does none of that. Instead, it creates more risk, more suffering, and more government intrusion into private decisions.

For these reasons, I urge you to reject this bill. Texans deserve compassion, healthcare, and freedom—not punishment.

Emily Morton

Self

Hockley, TX

Leave women alone! It is not the Governments job to police our bodies!

Rachael Herrington
Self social services worker
Fort Worth, TX

HB7- this is government overreach and the government should not be able to access my private health records not limit medication an adult and thier doctor decide what is best for them. These drugs are used for more than just abortions and limiting access will cause more harm than good. This is unconstitutional

Margie Frasier
Self retired
Temple, TX

Stop the Abortion pills. They are known to be unsafe and Abortion is illegal in Texas, so don't allow other States to have government access to our women and girls by their respective laws that are only concerned with making money no matter who it hurts or affects. We need to stop allowing unborn children to be murdered. We all will answer to God one day. So be righteous and vote for this bill. Be strong and courageous.

Karen Tarson
Self, hospital worket
Sugar Land, TX

This doesn't represent the will of the people. Medical decisions should not be made by politicians. Stop trying to force your religious beliefs on others. Leave medical decisions to women and their physicians. Respect HIPAA laws.

Karen Tarson
Self, hospital worket
Sugar Land, TX

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Barclay McCort
Salado
Salado, TX

I strongly support both bills. Good work, Legislators!

Matt Donald
self
Saint Michaels, TX

Please be aware that life begins at conception. The tiny little human has separate, unique DNA from conception and the heartbeat is detectable at 6 weeks. In reality the heart must be pumping before 3 weeks. Otherwise the baby could not grow so big so fast. Women who abort kill themselves at a rate of 4 times higher vis a vis those who don't have an abortion. Anything you can do to save lives is loved by God.

Mike Fernando, mr
self
Saint Michaels, TX

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Nelson Caraballo, Lt Col (Ret)

self / government contractor

San Antonio, TX

I do not support this bill. This bill is taking away rights from U.S. citizens, and endangers their health and safety.

Jonah Popp

self

Austin, TX

Do NOT vote for this bill. Maternal mortality rates in Texas are already skyrocketing, and women are not able to access proper healthcare, let alone abortive care. This bill will only increase the already high maternal mortality rate and punish people who are trying to help women in need. Do not pass this bill.

Tony Canterino

Self/ small business owner

Harker Heights, TX

I am in favor of HB7. Texas essentially banned all abortion and that includes use of an abortion pill. Life begins at conception and It doesn't matter if the baby was killed horrifically in a clinic or poisoned by a pill shipped to the mother from a clinic that is in another state.

I am in favor of HB 7.

Tony Canterino

Suzanne Champagne

Self Mother

Austin, TX

Absolutely opposed to this bill. Medical decisions should not be made by government

Kendra Kinsey

Self

Liberty Hill, TX

I don't believe in any government control of birth control or abortion. This infringes on the rights of women over their own bodies and the right to access medical care. The restrictions already in place should also be dismantled and full rights given back to women to only make these decisions with themselves, their families, and their doctors. Mind your own business.

Mary Lynne Barrow

self/ retired teacher

San Antonio, TX

The abortion inducing pills are proven to be unsafe to the mother in addition to being lethal to the developing child within. They go against the values of many Texans. Please pass this protective bill. Care about the preborn and their mothers.

Kathryn Suied, Ms

Self

Dallas, TX

I strongly believe that it is not up to Texas politicians to restrict the use of drug that have been approved by federal doctors. Sticking to running the country, not singling out women for questionable medical advise. Not everyone believes as you do.

Kathy Cobb, Mrs
Self - homemaker
Sugar Land, TX
Support

Dede Fox
self
The Woodlands, TX

No to HB 7. My Catholic friend was raped when she was in graduate school. She had an abortion. How much easier it would have been for her and her husband if she could have taken a morning after drug! I am against HB 7, a bill that criminalizes abortion inducing drugs.

Deborah Shortner
self / retired Medical Technologist
Bellville, TX

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John Lynch, Mr.
Self
Katy, TX

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Becky compton
Self
New Braunfels, TX

I am against these bills

Tracey Friedel
Self
Austin, TX

It's none of your business what a woman does with her own body, especially when she is not in the State. You have no standing.

Monica Solomon
Self
Austin, TX

Please keep your hands off our bodies and let women decide about their own body!!

Patricia Vigil

Vigil family

Amarillo, TX

Stop providing drugs to murder innocent children and babies we don't want that stuff in our state

Tom Shumaker

Self - Retired

Georgetown, TX

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Heidi Gibbons

self- retired

Austin, TX

I am against this bill 100%. You are taking an option away from women who are making the choice not to bring a child into this world. I don't question anyone's choice; I question the Texas Legislature sticking their nose into someone's personal business. It's called respecting other people's rights to live their lives as they choose. You might as well take away the right of men to get a vasectomy - it's the same thing!

Kendall Rester

Self

Crawford, TX

Please support HB 7.

Miguel Bamberger

self retired

Georgetown, TX

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Deborah Leiber

Self

The Woodlands, TX

Please vote NO on HB 7! The legislature has no business passing laws related to women's health. Any medical decisions about prescriptions should be between a woman and medical professionals. These pills are often necessary and used in the treatment of spontaneous miscarriages, as well as emergency post partum situations following delivery complications. By trying to restrict its use, you are endangering the lives of women and further raising an already unacceptable maternal mortality rate in our state. I implore you to Vote NO on HB 7!

David Tuthill

self

Dallas, TX

A majority of the population favor women having control over their health issues including reproductive issues -not some old politician. If you were truly concerned about representing the electorate then allow it to be voted on by the citizens. You won't because you know that you are forcing your views on others. I do not support your interference and forcing your miss guided beliefs on others. Mind your own business and stay out of our intimate decisions and our bed rooms.

Carol Scott, Mrs

self

Sachse, TX

Please ensure true protection and true freedom of choice for all Texans by passing House Bill 7, the Woman and Child Protection Act. I strongly believe that every life deserves to be protected, from fertilization to natural death. However, even with our current Pro-Life laws, tens of thousands of abortion pills are mailed into our state each year, killing preborn babies. Texans need more tools to bring about justice for abortionists and activists who send deadly drugs to our communities. Please quickly advance HB 7 through the committee, so Pro-Life citizens can save preborn children and defend their mothers from abortion pills. Thank you.

Lisa Rice

Self entrepreneur

Houston, TX

Prohibit abortion drugs in Texas. Texas has outlawed abortion. Stop the deaths of mothers and babies.

Molly White, Honorable

Self - Host: More to the Story with Molly White podcast

Sonora, TX

Testimony in support of HB 7

Honorable Members of the Committee,

My name is Molly White, and I am a former Texas State Representative for House District 55. I now host *More to the Story with Molly White*, a podcast that gives voice to women and men who regret their abortions and are working through the emotional, physical, and spiritual trauma they experienced.

Many of my guests have suffered deeply after taking chemical abortion pills such as mifepristone. These abortions are not "easy" or "safe." Women labor alone, often in their bathrooms, and deliver their dead babies without medical supervision. The trauma is intensified by what they see and endure—profuse bleeding, excruciating pain, and the horror of figuring out what to do with the baby's body. One woman delivered her child in the bathroom, wrapped it in toilet paper, and placed it on the sink while calling a helpline. To her horror, her cat jumped up and ate her baby. Others describe watching their baby's heart beat in their hand before it stopped. Some women weren't even given a choice—mifepristone was slipped into their drinks by abusive partners or even family members.

Clinics often tell these women to flush the remains of their babies, compounding their trauma and raising public health concerns.

Mifepristone has serious risks: hemorrhaging, incomplete abortions, infections, undiagnosed ectopic pregnancies, and intense psychological aftereffects. A Finnish study of over 42,000 women found that chemical abortion had a "fourfold increase in adverse events" compared to surgical abortion. (<https://aui.org/abortion-pill/>)

HB 7 is necessary to address this growing crisis. Women deserve to be protected, informed, and valued—not left to suffer in silence. HB 7 is necessary to address this growing crisis. Women deserve to be protected, informed, and valued—not left to suffer in silence.

I strongly urge you to support the Woman and Child Protection Act.

Pregnant women and their babies deserve to be protected against the predatory abortion industry and predators. It is your duty to ensure that they are. I implore you to put aside any prejudices concerning "abortion rights" and consider the health, safety, and dignity of these women. Please vote to pass HB 7 out of committee.

Thank you,

Molly S White, Former Texas State Representative HD 55

Rebecca George

Self

Houston, TX

Please support Rep. Leach's ban on abortion-inducing drugs within and outside the state of Texas. The majority of Texans support this bill saving the lives of innocent babies.

Terelyn Santos, Retired chaplain RN

Self

San Antonio, TX

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Amy Gatlin

Self

Allen, TX

You are not listening to Texans. This bill is another overstep in person autonomy. A doctor and patient should make health decisions, not politicians that have zero expertise. This bill will further hurt women. This bill is an attempt to control women. What law equally tries to control men? Not one. You can't stop women from seeking healthcare and abortions just like prohibition didn't stop the consumption of alcohol. You are now making it unsafe and expensive.

Jewish women are being denied the right to abortion that is aligned with their religious beliefs. You are taking away their religious freedom.

Politics do not have any place in medical care.

Jane Phillippi, Mrs

Self

New Braunfels, TX

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Alex Fritsch

Self - Natural Resource Specialist

Austin, TX

I encourage you to vote NO on HB 7. Extending abortion restrictions to outside of the state is unnecessary and a waste of state resources. Abortion is healthcare and restricting access even further will result in more harm towards people who can get pregnant.

Hayley Fancher Mobley, Mr. and Mrs.

Self and spouse

Fort Worth, TX

Oppose HB 7 as it infringes on the rights of American citizens and risks their safety by allowing rogues to target and harass or kidnap them. "deputizes private citizens as bounty hunters, rewarding them for snitching on anyone who manufactures, distributes, provides, transports, or mails abortion medication, no matter where they're located" a disgusting big government move that Republican lawmakers say they are against and yet consistently use their power to lord over citizens like kings. Every member of our household opposes such big government infringes on our rights.

Sean Kirkpatrick

self

Dallas, TX

Stop trying to ban medications that allow people to plan their family. Texans are tired of this big government takeover of every aspect of our lives. Especially now that you've made it so expensive to have kids and we don't have affordable child care, people need to be able to access these pills. They're safe and effective and Texans can make decisions about their family. Texans deserve to be free to make their own decisions about their own body. We don't need the state forcing pregnancy on people and putting them in unsafe situation. This law would put people in more danger and will likely lead to loss of life. Let's stop trying to criminalize people who get pregnant and instead, actually provide them with support, free health care, and family services and all support for family planning to create a safe society for people to have kids in. Texas is becoming a nightmare of a state to live in because of all these dystopian laws and lack of privacy. We've got the state surveilling us in the bedroom, the bathroom, and our doctor's office. Can we get a little bit of privacy and a little bit of healthcare? If you want people to live, work, and reproduce here, why don't you stop trying to take women's rights away and actually start providing some things that people need. Vote no on HB 7.

Cori Tucker, Mrs.

Myself

Bedford, TX

Legal abortion provides significant health and economic benefits by enabling safe medical procedures, improving women's overall health and well-being, and allowing for better economic stability and educational attainment. It reduces complications and deaths associated with illegal abortions, promotes individual bodily autonomy, and contributes to fewer children living in poverty. The availability of legal abortion also supports women's participation in the workforce and professional occupations.

Health Benefits

Reduced Mortality and Complications: Legal abortion is a safe medical procedure with a very low risk of death, especially in the first trimester. Access to legal abortion significantly decreased deaths and complications from septic abortions compared to the period when abortions were illegal.

Improved Maternal Health: Women who receive legal abortions tend to have better overall health, fewer chronic health issues, and less likelihood of reporting poor health five years later compared to women who are denied abortions, according to a study by the Urban Institute and Greater Good: The Science of a Meaningful Life.

Preservation of Life: In cases of severe pregnancy complications like certain cardiac conditions, severe bleeding, or preeclampsia, abortion may be necessary to preserve a woman's health or save her life.

Economic & Social Benefits

Improved Economic Stability: Access to legal abortion allows individuals to delay or avoid unwanted pregnancies, enabling them to finish their education, secure stable financial footing, and improve their long-term economic well-being.

Reduced Poverty: Research shows that when individuals can end unwanted pregnancies, there is a reduced likelihood of children being born into poverty or single-parent households.

Increased Opportunity: Legal abortion supports women's greater participation in the labor force and professional occupations.

Bodily Autonomy: Legal abortion allows individuals to exercise bodily autonomy and make personal medical decisions, including when and how to have a family.

Public Health & Community Benefits

Reduced Unsafe Abortions: When abortion is legal, communities see fewer complications from unsafe, illegal abortions, leading to fewer hospitalizations for severe complications.

Fewer Unintended Pregnancies: Legal abortion contributes to a reduction in unintended pregnancies, allowing for more planned and desired births.

Positive Impact on Children: A meta-analysis of existing studies showed that children whose mothers had access to legal abortion had better educational outcomes and were less likely to experience neglect or substance abuse in adolescence, according to the National Bureau of Economic Research.

Steve Furrer

Self

Georgetown, TX

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Jennifer Loving

Self Unemployed

Temple, TX

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Laura Baker
self
Katy, Texas, TX

STOP using your political and religious beliefs to undermine women's rights and choices about our own health and bodies. I am against abbot administration authoritarian and theocratic rule and will be doing more to fight to get GOP in Texas rule taken down.

Lisa Polk
Self
Colleyville, TX

Abortion inducing drugs are causing abortion and we the people of Texas has said we don't want abortion in our state. It's murder and as our elected representatives we pray you do the job you were elected to do. Represent Texans.

Sheila Jennings
self
Austin, TX

My name is Sheila Jennings and I am in strong opposition to House Bill 7. HB 7 will create a nationwide abortion bounty hunt, further isolating Texans who are seeking medical care and intimidate anyone who helps us. This bill interferes with my personal freedom, my daughters' personal freedoms, and their rights to access essential healthcare.

This is an assault on women – on their autonomy, on their right to their bodies, on their right to health free from coercion. Also concerning - this is yet another attempt to turn neighbors into spies, and it is deeply unpopular in our state. We've already seen spouses turn against women with the abortion bounty threats, and families torn apart by this invasion on private medical decisions. Voters in even conservative areas, such as Amarillo, have already voted down the targeting of neighbors who help others access abortion care because we see this for what it is: government overreach and divisiveness among Texans who should be caring for one another. We are not some reality show where everyone can turn on one another - we are neighbors, friends, family. We do not want to be punished for seeking care or see our loved ones sued for offering help.

For years Texans have struggled to access even the most basic healthcare and the abortion ban has only worsened our quality of life. Maternal deaths in Texas have increased by 56%, sepsis rates have surged 50%, and infant mortality has increased by 13%. These are our lives and our loved ones in the heartbreaking statistics. At such a crucial moment, the state government should be doing anything but further criminalizing abortion care for Texans. For these reasons I oppose HB 7, and demand that this state's governmental intrusions on the lives of Texans must stop.

Erica Gibbs
Self
Fort Worth, TX

This bill would create an abusive law that is impossible to enforce in any fair way. Also, I fail to understand why an abortion, a medical procedure, is a political thing to be regulated by politicians rather than discussed with medical professionals. I also don't believe that personal autonomy should be state dependent. Everything is wrong with this proposed law.

Patricia Moore
self
Houston, TX

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Elizabeth Morgan
self - paralegal
Austin, TX

I am Elizabeth from Austin 78749. I strongly urge the members of the House State Affairs Committee to oppose HB 7.

I am completely opposed to this harmful, disgusting bill. This is another attempt by Republicans to control women and keep women from having a say in their own reproductive care.

This bill does nothing to protect Texans. This bill encourages frivolous lawsuits, encourages harassment, encourages political retaliation, and encourages abuse of women. It also tries to override laws in other states where abortion is legal.

Regardless of your stance on abortion, this kind of legal overreach should concern everyone. Republican lawmakers are liars when they claim they don't want government intrusion or overreach into people's lives. They certainly don't mean that when it comes to women having control over reproduction.

Texans are facing real crises. This is absolutely not a crisis facing Texans.

I implore all members of Congress to vote NO on HB 7.

Thank you for your time.

Emily Franz
Self, student
Tomball, TX

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Joyce Shoop, Mrs.
Concerned Women for America
Frisco, TX

I strongly urge House members to vote for HB 7 as presented by Representative Leach. It further defines action already taken by the Texas House and Senate against abortions in the state except in cases of threat to the mother's life. It further defines the providers of such products as law breakers subject to arrest and prosecution. If this bill is not enacted, abortion will continue to take place in Texas in spite of the law already enacted, and many innocent lives will be lost!

Thomas Nieland
UnitarianUniversalist Fellowship Hidalgo County Tx.
Alamo, TX

This Bill, HB by Leach, is extremely unfair to the women who badly need abortions for a multitude of reasons. This is a violation of basic human rights, and has been declared so by multiple foreign governments. Even the UN has discussed the situation in the USA as a human rights violation, but I'm not sure if they've declared it so yet. And to propose to punish anyone attempting to help these women get an abortion, even in states where it's still legal, is an abomination on it's face. Women face numerous health, financial, psychological, mental health and other major problems while pregnant. They deserve our help and empathy, not cruel punishments!

Jenni Griesel

Self, environmental engineer

Round Rock, TX

This bill is the reason that expectant mothers are being denied care throughout the state. Medical professionals are terrified of that this bill will put them in jail for saving the lives of mothers. Josseli Barnica has died from this bill. Porsha Ngumezi has died from this bill. They were Texan mothers with children whose lives could have been saved if they received immediate care for their miscarriages. Please let this bill die, so more mothers don't have to.

Laura Weaver

self/retired

The Woodlands, TX

I strongly oppose HB 7. Prohibiting the manufacture and provision of abortion-inducing drugs will negatively impact the health of many Texan women. Abortion is essential health care. There is a broad medical consensus that abortion is an essential part of reproductive health care.

Abortion is a common medical intervention that improves the lives, health, and well-being of those who need it. Roughly one-quarter of women in the United States access abortion care in their lifetime. So many avenues to abortion in Texas have been closed. Medication abortion is safe and effective. Stop trying to legislate women's bodies. Vote NO on HB 7.

Hannah Sumrall, Mrs.
Self, Educational Researcher
Houston, TX

To the Honorable Members of the Texas Legislature,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Senate Bill 7. This bill is not only medically unsound—it is morally indefensible.

Texans are already suffering under a web of overlapping abortion bans that have created chaos in our healthcare system. Under current laws, Texans experiencing pregnancy loss and medical emergencies are being denied treatment, delayed care, and forced to leave the state.

The data is clear and devastating:

- Maternal deaths in Texas have surged by 56% since 2021—five times the national increase.
- Sepsis rates during second-trimester pregnancy loss are up 50%, and infant mortality has risen 23%, especially from congenital anomalies.
- Texas ranks 49th to 50th in reproductive healthcare access, despite accounting for nearly 10% of all U.S. births.
- Over 70% of OB-GYNs say they can no longer provide high-quality care under current laws, and 1 in 5 specialists is considering leaving the state.

The proposed SB7 will only worsen these outcomes, deepen this crisis, and further endanger the lives of Texans. It will drive more providers out of Texas, increase delays in emergency care, and deny families access to miscarriage management, IVF, and life-saving treatments.

SB7 escalates this harm by:

- Authorizing private vigilante lawsuits against providers and manufacturers—even when medications are used for miscarriage care or postpartum hemorrhage.
- Attempting to override protective laws in other states, encouraging clawback lawsuits that punish out-of-state providers.
- Expanding the Attorney General's power to criminalize abortion under any law, including outdated pre-Roe statutes.
- Stripping jurisdiction from courts and banning key legal defenses, effectively silencing challenges to this dangerous legislation.

Texans deserve real healthcare solutions—not more bans, more lawsuits, and more suffering. I urge you to reject SB7 and instead prioritize legislation that protects the health, dignity, and safety of all Texans.

Sincerely,
Hannah Sumrall
Houston, Texas
Harris County
District 38

Rebecca Embler

Self

Dallas, TX

I strongly oppose this bill. Abortion is healthcare and it allows women autonomy to make decisions to benefit themselves and their families. Recent studies have shown that the vast majority (95%) of women who have abortions do not regret them. Many women who have abortions go on to have children later, when they are in a position to better care for a child physically, emotionally and financially. These women are able to pursue their dreams, contribute to society AND have children on their own terms later in life that they can support and help them flourish in turn. Forcing women to give birth when they don't want to results in worse outcomes for the woman, the child and society. The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists says the following about abortion: "Induced abortion is an essential component of women's health care. Like all medical matters, decisions regarding abortion should be made by patients in consultation with their health care providers and without undue interference by outside parties. Like all patients, women obtaining abortion are entitled to privacy, dignity, respect, and support.

Many factors influence or necessitate a woman's decision to have an abortion. They include, but are not limited to, contraceptive failure, barriers to contraceptive use and access, rape, incest, intimate partner violence, fetal anomalies, illness during pregnancy, and exposure to teratogenic medications.

Pregnancy complications, including placental abruption, bleeding from placenta previa, preeclampsia or eclampsia, and cardiac or renal conditions, may be so severe that abortion is the only measure to preserve a woman's health or save her life.

Where abortion is illegal or highly restricted, women resort to unsafe means to end unwanted pregnancies, including self-inflicted abdominal and bodily trauma, ingestion of dangerous chemicals, self-medication with a variety of drugs, and reliance on unqualified abortion providers. Today, approximately 21 million women around the world obtain unsafe, illegal abortions each year, and complications from these unsafe procedures account for approximately 13% of all maternal deaths, nearly 50,000 annually."

Creating barriers to abortion provides a host of negative outcomes. Women, children and society at large all benefit from abortion access.

Celeste Scalzo

self

Carrollton, TX

Vote no. Women should have bodily autonomy. The government should not be involved in a person's private healthcare decisions

Marie Adian

Self

Boerne, TX

I urge you to pass House Bill 7, the Woman and Child Protection Act. I strongly believe that every life deserves to be protected, from fertilization to natural death. However, even with our current Pro-Life laws, tens of thousands of abortion pills are mailed into our state each year, killing preborn babies. Texans need more tools to bring about justice for abortionists and activists who send deadly drugs to our communities. Please quickly advance HB 7 through the committee, so Pro-Life citizens can save preborn children and defend their mothers from abortion pills. Thank you."

Joanne Richards

Self

Austin, TX

I am a member of the Jewish faith. Jewish teaching allows abortion if necessary to safeguard the life of a pregnant woman. Modern Jewish teachings openly advocate for the right to a safe and accessible abortion. Additionally I am 80 years old. I was a college student before Roe v. Wade. I was witness to self-induced abortions that lead to severe bleeding and near death experiences. Why are there unwanted pregnancies? Because men often dominate women when it comes to sex. Date-rape drugs expose women to unwanted sex. I strongly believe that women have autonomy. They have always taken care of their body - preferably legally but against the law when legal means are not available. I do not want to return to pre Roe v Wade days when women self induced an abortion. It is dangerous! Misoprostol is a safe drug. Give women their autonomy back. Vote NO on HB 7.

Aimee Kelso

Self

Round rock, TX

I'm writing to urge you to pass the Woman and Child Protection Act, HB 7 by Representative Leach. We must address the growing threat of abortion pills in Texas. Over 19,000 of these drugs are mailed into our state each year-often from unregulated websites-putting women at serious risk and ending the lives of innocent preborn children. The Woman and Child Protection Act would stop traffickers and distributors of these deadly drugs while protecting women from prosecution. Please take swift action and pass the Woman and Child Protection Act. Texas must continue to lead in saving lives. Thank you.

David Lyday, Mr.

Self - writer

Kingwood, TX

These medications were put into distribution on the basis of misrepresentations about their safety. They are also the prime example of over-the-counter baby murder.

Sandra Norwood

Self. State of Texas Retiree.

Liberty Hill, TX

Life starts at the time of conception. The baby gets DNA from the father and the mother. The resulting DNA of the baby is unique to him or her. Abortion is a sugar-coated way of saying termination of a life. Babies are of the human species and therefore, should have human rights--- such as the right to life. Please pass HB 7 by Leach.

Mary Dunnam

“self”

Palestine, TX

Please pass HB 7 to protect the rights of the unborn.

Leslie Williams, Ms

Self

Katy, TX

Please support prohibition on manufacturing & provision of abortion-inducing drugs, Thank you, Leslie Williams

Corrine Thompson

self

Austin, TX

I strongly oppose this bill. The bill's approach to banning abortion-inducing drugs runs contrary to decades of medical research and the established standard of care. Abortion pills, which are used in over half of all abortions in the United States, have been deemed safe and effective by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and major medical organizations. By legislating to ban these medications, the bill substitutes political ideology for sound medical judgment, endangering the health of women and limiting healthcare options for Texans. The bill would allow Texas to prosecute individuals who "aid or abet" abortions sought in other states, a move that is a direct violation of our right to travel and the full faith and credit clause of the U.S. Constitution, which requires states to respect the public acts, records, and judicial proceedings of every other state. It would create a chaotic legal environment where Texans could face criminal charges for actions that are legal and protected in the state where they occurred. It is a fundamental violation of personal autonomy and privacy. It extends the reach of the state into deeply personal healthcare decisions and aims to control the actions of citizens even when they are outside of Texas's borders. This overreach sets a dangerous precedent, threatening to open the door for Texas to regulate other behaviors that are legal elsewhere but deemed undesirable by the state legislature.

Charles Rickey

Self, Nonprofit Executive Director

Weatherford, TX

Illegal abortion-inducing drugs continue to pour into Texas. Not only do these drugs take the lives of unborn children, but the unfettered access to these drugs has made possible abuses by husbands and boyfriends who slip these drugs into the food or drink of pregnant mothers against their will. They are a favored tool of sex traffickers. While shipping abortion drugs into the state is already illegal, current laws have been ineffective at preventing it, and further action is needed to enforce the existing laws. Please support HB 7, and protect women and children.

Cathy Breckenridge

Self

Lubbock, TX

Please consider blocking abortion pills to stop the killing of our helpless babies.

Donald Davis, Dr.

Self, retired

Magnolia, TX

I appose this bill. It should be rejected by all freedom-loving Texans. Dear House members: Please mind your own business and the positive needs of Texas citizens.

Carl Raines

Self

Denton, TX

The continued restriction of women's reproductive rights in Texas must be stopped. Texas has already experienced an 50% increase in death from complications from sepsis in the second trimester. This restriction on basic medical safety has caused the death of many women, especially black women, as well as the near death of mothers like Josseli Barnica. The continued corrosion of Texas women's autonomy must end, as even planned pregnancies could be a death sentence.

Steven Kozel

self - retired

Austin, TX

Hello Representative, I urge you to pass House Bill 7, the Woman and Child Protection Act. I strongly believe that every life deserves to be protected, from fertilization to natural death. However, even with our current Pro-Life laws, tens of thousands of abortion pills are mailed into our state each year, killing preborn babies. Texans need more tools to bring about justice for abortionists and activists who send deadly drugs to our communities. Please quickly advance HB 7 through the committee, so Pro-Life citizens can save preborn children and defend their mothers from abortion pills. Thank you.

Karen Treybig

Self

Sugar Land, TX

I support this bill.

Jill Cannon

self

Providence Village, TX

Dear Representative,

My name is Jill Cannon, and I am a constituent in your district. I am writing to express my strong opposition to House Bill 7 by Representative Leach, which proposes further restrictions on the manufacturing and provision of abortion-inducing medication and introduces civil liability provisions such as qui tam actions. I urge you to oppose this bill and any similar legislation.

HB 7 would significantly deepen state overreach into the private medical decisions of Texans, restricting access to essential medication that has been safely used for decades. Mifepristone and misoprostol, the medications in question, are not only used for abortion care but also for managing miscarriages and other reproductive health issues. Criminalizing or discouraging their manufacture and provision could have devastating ripple effects on healthcare across the state.

Additionally, the bill's provision allowing qui tam lawsuits invites a culture of surveillance and incentivized reporting, undermining trust in our communities and health systems. This kind of legal framework encourages citizens to sue others—possibly even neighbors or healthcare providers—creating fear and confusion rather than safety or justice.

Moreover, HB 7's attempts to disregard or nullify out-of-state court rulings on these issues raises serious constitutional concerns and may expose Texas to legal challenges. It sets a dangerous precedent of ignoring federal and other states' judicial authority, which undermines the rule of law.

I urge you to consider the profound consequences this bill will have on the healthcare landscape, legal integrity, and personal freedoms in Texas. Politicians should not be making medical decisions for families or restricting access to FDA-approved medications.

Please vote NO on HB 7. Texans deserve compassion, privacy, and access to the full spectrum of medical care.

Sincerely,

Jill Cannon

ling zhu, Mr.

Self

Austin, TX

I am a Texas resident living in Austin. I urge the members of the House State Affairs Committee to oppose HB 7.

This bill does nothing to protect Texans. Instead, it would allow private citizens to sue anyone who helps a Texan access abortion pills—even if that care happens out of state. That includes friends, family, volunteers, and abortion funds.

HB 7 creates cash rewards for these lawsuits, encouraging harassment, political retaliation, and abuse. It also tries to override laws in other states where abortion is legal.

Regardless of your stance on abortion, this kind of legal overreach should concern everyone. If Texas can do this, what's stopping other states from doing the same for other types of care?

Texans are facing real crises. We need solutions—not more punishment.
Please vote NO on HB 7.

Anne Newman

Self

Boerne, TX

The largest-known study of the abortion pill is based on analysis of data from an all-payer insurance claims database that includes 865,727 prescribed mifepristone abortions from 2017 to 2023.

Please protect women and girls from this pill.

- 10.93 percent of women experience sepsis, infection, hemorrhaging, or another serious adverse event within 45 days following a mifepristone abortion.
- The real-world rate of serious adverse events following mifepristone abortions is at least 22 times as high as the summary figure of “less than 0.5 percent” in clinical trials reported on the drug label.

Ella Rous

Self

Denton, TX

By enabling this bill, the house enables worse material conditions for Texas women. It will lead to suicides, as many women who are forced to remain pregnant will do so without the resources or support to carry to term safely and will resort to this measure, and homicides, as studies have shown that the leading cause of death for pregnant women is homicide. This bill does not protect women, it aids in their destruction.

Sarah Boas

Self, Concerned Citizen

Austin, TX

This bill promises to impinge upon the freedoms of our citizens to manage their own health, and encourages false accusation. It will only hurt the people of Texas.

Katie Haber

Self

Austin, TX

Abortion is necessary and important healthcare and should be available to anyone and everyone who needs it. I strongly oppose HB 7.

Jana Thompson, Dr.

Self

Azle, TX

As a health care provider it makes me angry that we cannot take care of every woman's needs in the state of Texas. This bill would needlessly further jeopardize innocent lives. Please put yourself in the position that this was you, your wife, your daughter and make an informed decision for the health and safety of the women in our state.

Shannon Whitehead, NP

Pregnancy Assistance Center North

Spring, TX

Hello, my name is Shannon Whitehead, Nurse Practitioner for Pregnancy Assistance Center North. I am testifying in favor of HB7.

Thank you, Representative King and committee members. PACN is a faith-based, pregnancy medical clinic serving clients in Montgomery and Harris counties for over 35 years with 2 thriving locations. Our vision is to advance the culture for life in our community.

I want to share Katy's story.

Faced with an unplanned pregnancy, Katy ordered free abortion pills through two different sources. The first package arrived with the pills taped between two cotton squares. The second in 3 Ziploc bags. Both with no instructions, no labels, and no contact information.

She was hesitant to take the pills, especially after a close friend ended up in an emergency room attempting to terminate a 13-week pregnancy via the abortion pills. Katy tried to reach out to both providers multiple times and received no response. No one was available to walk her through the steps of taking the pills, or to inform her of the aftermath she would experience when it was all over.

In a moment of desperation, Katy found PACN. We were there to answer her questions, review FDA guidelines, and connect her with vital support and resources.

More and more women are coming to PACN with similar experiences, and many face far more devastating outcomes. This is not the standard of care Texas women should be forced to accept.

Abortion hasn't stopped in Texas -it's simply taken a new form. Recent data shows that more than 19,000 Texans have ordered these pills annually. PACN estimates that 80% of our clients considering abortion are planning to order these pills despite their use being illegal in Texas. HB7 offers a way to change that—by holding manufacturers and distributors accountable and protecting women like Katy from unsafe and unregulated drug sources.

Katy's experience also highlights a deeper problem: the online advertising and trafficking of abortion drugs. This bill gives Texas the tools it needs to address the role of websites, apps, and financial service providers facilitating these transactions.

I urge you to protect the health and lives of Texas women and their unborn children by supporting HB7. On behalf of PACN, I want to thank Representative Leach for his leadership and dedication to this important issue.

Larry Schalles

Red River CEC

Avery, TX

As Texan I know the value of Life. OUR Lord God creates life and no one has the right to remove life

Anne McKinnerney

self

Austin, TX

This is not about being "pro-life". It is about controlling women - pure and simple. If it were actually about protecting Texas children, you would be providing more care of, and support to, all those Texans who need it. Just a few of the ridiculous number of examples that I could mention in that regard - flood relief and legislation that could have prevented the loss of so many lives in the recent floods (including the lives of young children), background checks and licensing requirements before a firearm can be purchased, regulation and control over automatic rifles so that they don't get into the hands of those who want to harm others (again - including children), the list could literally go on and on. HB7 is not what we want. Please stop this - and focus on what is truly needed for Texas and Texans!

Lindsay Kainer

Pregnancy Assistance Center North

Spring, TX

Hello, my name is Lindsay Kainer, Senior Director of Programs for Pregnancy Assistance Center North. I am testifying in favor of HB7.

Thank you, Representative King and committee members. PACN is a faith-based, pregnancy medical clinic serving clients in Montgomery and Harris counties for over 35 years with 2 thriving locations. Our vision is to advance the culture for life in our community.

Last year, our Executive Director introduced the phrase "Filling the Gaps" as a guiding principle for our leadership and donors. It helps us highlight our mission, evaluate decisions, and better serve clients by identifying their needs.

One of the gaps we sought to fill in 2022 was offering abortion pill reversal to women who regretted taking the first set of pills. PACN was noticing a rise in at-home abortions, with many women experiencing trauma equal to—or greater than—that of surgical procedures.

Many of these women were not under medical supervision, lacked proper information on how to take the pills, and were completely unprepared for the physical and emotional aftermath. We began receiving desperate calls from women asking questions like:

- "What do I do now?" — from women shocked to deliver a tiny, formed baby instead of the "clump of cells" she was led to expect.
- "How much blood is too much?" — from women trying to gauge if they were hemorrhaging.
- "How do I know if everything came out?" — from those unsure whether the abortion was complete.

Women receiving these pills are already vulnerable, receiving unmarked pills in suspicious packaging, but to further compound the trauma, they are scared to admit they are in possession of OR have taken the pills. This often prevents them from seeking the medical help they urgently need—both before and after taking the pills.

That's why I urge you to fully support HB7. This comprehensive bill seeks to "Fill the Gaps" by addressing critical failures caused by the abortion industry. It seeks to protect the most vulnerable—preventing needless loss of innocent life and safeguarding women's health.

Furthermore, it strengthens Texas' ability to fight the online trafficking of abortion drugs, holding manufacturers and distributors accountable, and increasing criminal penalties for abortion-related crimes.

Now, we are asking you to do YOUR part in "Filling the Gaps"- protect Texas women and their unborn children from the dangers of pill abortion by voting in favor of HB7.

On behalf of PACN, thank you, Representative Leach, for your leadership and commitment to this important issue.

Michael Treybig

Retired

Sugar Land, TX

I am in favor of passing this bill.

Margaret Coulon

Self

Eules, TX

Vote against this bill and save the lives of Texas women. Do not bring back the days of coat hanger illegal abortions which killed mother and fetus. Taking women's rights back is not something Texas needs now
We have greater problems such as climate change, loss of water and power.

Nikki Henrichsen

Self

Sugar Land, TX

I am requesting that you support HB 7 and ban abortion pills mailed into TX.
Thank you.

Jennifer Perregrino

Pregnancy Assistance Center North

Spring, TX

My name is Jennifer Perregrino, Executive Director for Pregnancy Assistance Center North. I am submitting this written testimony in favor of HB7.

PACN is a faith-based, pregnancy medical clinic serving clients in Montgomery and Harris counties for over 35 years with 2 thriving locations. Our vision is to advance the culture for life in our community.

Recently, I needed medication for a persistent cough, so I made an appointment with my doctor. After the usual check-up procedures—vitals, symptom discussion with a nurse, and an exam by a doctor—he wrote a prescription and had it sent to a nearby pharmacy. At the pharmacy, before I could leave with the medication, I was required to have a consultation with the pharmacist to make sure I understood how to take the medication and if I had any questions. I left with a clearly labeled bottle with my name, the prescribing doctor's name, medication details, usage instructions, and any drug interactions or symptom warnings.

This is NOT what happens when a woman orders the abortion pills.

Although these medications are FDA-approved, they are being distributed illegally—without medical supervision, without confirmation of pregnancy or viability, and with no concern for a woman's health before or after the abortion.

Women are obtaining them through emails and apps, often receiving no instructions. Pills arrive in unmarked white envelopes, wedged between makeup pads, or tossed loosely into Ziploc bags with no labels or identifiers. One client recently brought us a bag containing 28 unlabeled pills. She didn't know what they were, where they came from, or how to use them. The uncertainty and fear led her to make an appointment at PACN.

Recent data shows that an estimated 19,000 Texans sought abortion pills online in one year and PACN estimates that 80% of our clients considering abortion are either contemplating or planning to take these pills.

This is why I'm urging you to vote in favor of HB7. This bill seeks to fill an enforcement gap that is endangering the lives of women and their preborn babies, allowing abortion pill distributors to profit from and facilitate illegal abortions in our state. A state where abortion has been banned.

In addition, it targets the online advertising and trafficking of abortion drugs. This bill gives Texas the tools it needs to address the role of websites, apps, and financial service providers like PayPal and Stripe in facilitating these transactions.

I want to express my gratitude to Representative Leach for his leadership and unwavering commitment to this critical issue. Abortion has not ended in Texas—it has simply shifted, and the fight to protect life is far from over. This legislation represents an essential step in reinforcing Texas's dedication to supporting vulnerable women, ensuring they receive safe, responsible care, while also defending the lives of precious preborn children.

Colleen Ketchum

Self

Austin, TX

This is an insane bill designed to criminalize and penalize women and girls from getting access to reproductive healthcare. It is also a gross violation of privacy to allow private citizens to other parties that they have absolutely no relation to or involvement with for providing women with safe, and effective drugs for managing pregnancy. This bill should be thrown in the garbage. It is unconstitutional and un-American to scare and intimidate people from helping women in crisis.

Carrie Ives
self, mechanical engineer
Richardson, TX

I am a Texas resident and parent, and I urge the members of the House State Affairs Committee to oppose HB 7.

This bill does nothing to protect Texans. Instead, it would allow private citizens to sue anyone who helps a Texan access abortion pills—even if that care happens out of state. That includes friends, family, volunteers, and abortion funds.

When a similar bill was proposed during the regular session I shared how this could have affected a friend of mine in college. The way this is written, if I had helped her to find abortion medication after she was raped by her fiance's roommate (No, she didn't go to the police. Women don't trust that the police won't just dismiss them.) he could sue me and get \$100,000 minimum. There is no justice in that. It is the opposite of justice.

HB 7 creates cash rewards for these lawsuits, encouraging harassment, political retaliation, and abuse. It also tries to override laws in other states where abortion is legal. The cash rewards are just encouraging people to seek out anything they think they could come close to making stick to try to sue. This will add more burden on our strained courts and encourage frivolous lawsuits.

Regardless of your stance on abortion, this kind of legal overreach should concern everyone. If Texas can do this, what's stopping other states from doing the same for other types of care?

Texans are facing real crises. We need solutions—not more punishment, and not more avenues for increased abuse of women. Please vote NO on HB 7.

Kathleen Boas
self
Austin, TX

In regards to HB 7

There are many medical uses for “abortion-inducing drugs,” so prohibiting their manufacture would put citizens’ health at risk, hurt them economically, and harm their families.

In addition, eliminating the availability of these medicines to end a dangerous pregnancy will also put citizens’ health (and life) at risk. Dead women can’t care for their families, and dead women can’t pay taxes. You have heard the testimony of women who have survived dangerous pregnancies. If you are pro-life, you are pro-safe medical care.

As for authorizing qui tam actions: do you really want us to live in a society where we can’t trust our neighbors because we don’t know if they are paid to inform on people seeking medical care? How does this make Texas better?

This bill does nothing to help women, families, the economy, or Texas. Please vote against it.

Kathy Gonzales
self-retired
Fairview, TX

I strongly support this bill and the use of abortion drugs period.

Robert Payne
Self
Canyon Lake, TX

In favor

Mellany Lamb
Self
Flower Mound, TX
Support.

Amy Kemper, Mrs.
PACN
Spring, TX

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Daniel Polk
self - church administrator
Dallas, TX

This bill needs stopped - to stop medical care to people who need it is reprehensible.

Christine Ussher
self
HOUSTON, TX

My name is Christine Ussher and I oppose House Bill 7. This bill interferes with personal freedom - the freedom of my daughters, my nieces, my friends and all the good women of Texas to have the right to access essential healthcare. This is purely and simply government overreach. Why on earth does this government think that it can indiscriminately determine the factors that allow or deny a woman's right to healthcare?

This congress speaks of freedom - however this is anything BUT freedom!!! We do not want to be punished for seeking care or see our loved ones sued for offering help.

The abortion ban has simply worsened quality of life for women. Maternal deaths in Texas have increased by 56%, sepsis rates have surged 50%, and infant mortality has increased by 13%. These are our lives and our loved ones in the heartbreaking statistics. At such a crucial moment, the state government should be doing anything but further criminalizing abortion care for Texans. For these reasons I oppose HB 7.

Landon Ramirez
Self
Pearland, TX

I'm asking you to vote NO on any bill that restricts reproductive freedom, specifically House Bill 7. Texans are already living with the dangerous consequences of the total abortion ban. Instead of making pregnancy safer and protecting Texans' right to make decisions about if they want to be pregnant, House Bill 7 further attacks proven and safe healthcare—medication abortion. Please put Texans' health and safety over politics and vote NO on House Bill 7.

KC McClain, Maj Gen (Ret), USAF

Self

Plano, TX

The state legislature has no right to limit the medical care available to women. Women deserve the full range of options when making decisions about their health & future. These medications have been proven to be safe & effective. I resent that political legislators who aren't doctors, who aren't women believe they have the right to limit a woman's options when making life altering decisions. These same legislators who are also destroying the social safety net under the guise that the government shouldn't provide support to people in need. That if you have a baby, then that's the woman's responsibility to raise it. This position is taken even though the woman knows she isn't in a position to care for a child, but the state of TX has restricted and wants to further restrict her options. GOPers hypocritically claim to be the party of small govt, except when it comes to women's rights and then GOP wants to be in the bedroom, in the doctor's office & now in the pharmaceutical business. STOP treating women as less than. Let women make the decision as they are the ones who have to live with it.

Ronald Christian

Christian Cowboys and Friends

Hamilton, TX

I support prohibitions on the manufacturing and provision of abortion-inducing drugs. Vote in favor of HB 7 to protect the unborn. Abortion is the taking of life. It goes against our Constitution of the right of "LIFE", liberty and the pursuit of happiness. When you kill a baby those rights are never realized for the those children whose life is stopped by the death caused by these drugs and any other form of abortion. God hates the shedding of innocent blood. The unborn are the most innocent of all. Other states should not be able to go around Texas laws. Texas should never support these abortion-inducing drugs. Do what you know is right and protect life. God bless.

Carolyn Anthony

Self

Midlothian, TX

As a mother, I know firsthand the weight and responsibility that comes with bringing life into the world. That is exactly why I believe it is so important for women to have the ability to make decisions that are right for their own bodies, their health, and their families. Every pregnancy is unique, and not all journeys end in healthy outcomes. For women facing devastating diagnoses like fetal anomalies, or for those whose bodies simply cannot carry a pregnancy safely, the option to make that choice is not only compassionate, but necessary.

Taking away that right strips mothers and families of the ability to protect their futures and make decisions based on their personal circumstances. I urge you to vote NO on this bill, and to stand with the women, mothers, and families who deserve the freedom to choose what is best for their lives and their children's lives.

Julie Croy, Mrs

Self

China Spring, TX

I support this bill.

Ronald Christian

Christian Cowboys and Friends

Hamilton, TX

I support voting in favor of SB 8 Texas Women's Privacy Act. You have duty to protect our Women. Do what you know is right. God bless

Candace Fox

Self

AUSTIN, TX

Do not restrict women's rights to reproductive health options. A abortion pill when taken immediately, such as Plan B, halts the process of the development of the very earliest stages of any physical embryo development. We need to protect our women and children of Texas through reproductive alternatives. Texas has one of the highest teen birth rates in the nation and is significantly higher than the national average, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention | CDC (.gov). The state continues to rank high in teen birth rates, with a baby born to a teenage mother approximately every 25 minutes. Texas also ranks high for repeat births among teenagers. Several factors are thought to contribute to the teen birth rate in Texas, including access to contraception. Teen birth rates tend to be higher in rural counties, particularly in West Texas and the Rio Grande Valley. A study found that experiencing one teen pregnancy was associated with a future increased risk of premature death. The risk of premature mortality increases with the number of teen pregnancies, with the rate rising to 6.1 deaths per 10,000 person-years for two or more teen pregnancies. The overall Maternal Mortality Rate in Texas rose from 17.2 in 2019 to 37.7 in 2021. Once the babies are born, their chances of well-being are also affected. Texas has one of the largest populations of children in foster care, ranking among the top 10 states with the highest number of children in care in 2022. For various measures of child well-being, such as those found in the Kids Count reports, Texas often ranks poorly, placing in the bottom 10 states in previous years, such as ranking 41st in 2019. This report, which assesses child well-being in areas like health, education, economic well-being, and family/community, has consistently ranked Texas poorly. In 2021, Texas had a higher-than-average rate of instability in our foster care system, with 18.9% of children experiencing three or more placements within 12 months. The system requires substantial state funding for housing, care, and services, with an estimated return on investment of \$3.44 for every \$1 spent on system reforms that improve outcomes. Conversely, inadequate support for foster families and a shortage of licensed homes can lead to costly placements in unregulated facilities and contribute to higher social costs for youth facing unemployment, homelessness, and incarceration after leaving the system.

Please do not criminalize this option for what is possibly the most difficult and devastating choice a family may have to make. No one is forcing someone to make this most private of decisions. No one takes this decision lightly. Go do your research and talk to people who have been affected by unexpected pregnancies, or pregnancy by rape or forced incest. Stop punishing and harassing women and their families that are in these private, most conflicting of situations.

Kati Adair

Self

Jacksonville, TX

HB 7 by Leach:

My 2 children were conceived via IVF. Without modern medicine, I would not have biological children. My family is wanted, planned, loved & very intentional. We chose to not go for our last and final embryo bc of these laws from 2021 - present that have been passed in Texas. I have 2 children that I have to be here to parent. As much as, I wanted to have one more child; I couldn't risk my life

Knowing that if anything went wrong, my fatality likelihood was exponentially higher than in previous governments. Now my family might forever miss a wonderful human being bc I couldn't risk the chance of me not being here for the wanted & loved children that I already was so lucky to have.

****Who the hell are you, to create such a conundrum that would keep me from bringing more wanted and loved children to the world??? You have zero understanding or right to my body. How or what goes on between a patient and a doctor is for them. Their job is to treat the whole person. Not just a facet of the medical situation. Your political opinions have no place in our medical files. I don't know what kind of mothers y'all had but mine most certainly taught me to keep my nose out of others' businesses. You need to practice that a bit more then put THAT back into law.**

Autumn Chim

Self

Austin, TX

My name is Autumn, and I live in Austin, TX. I am a healthcare worker and a mother to twin toddlers. I am writing to strongly oppose HB 7, a bill that represents a dangerous and unconscionable intrusion into medicine and the private lives of Texans. As a healthcare professional, I am appalled by the legislature's attempt to ban FDA-approved abortion medication. Mifepristone and misoprostol are part of a safe, effective, and globally recognized standard of care for early abortion. Critically, these medications are also essential for managing miscarriages. Banning them will not only remove the safest option for pregnant people but will inevitably cause confusion and delays in providing compassionate care to women experiencing the tragedy of a pregnancy loss. This bill does not protect life; it directly endangers the health and safety of your constituents by replacing established medical science with a political agenda.

Furthermore, the "bounty hunter" provision is a terrifying escalation that weaponizes the legal system against caregivers. Extending this vigilante scheme to target out-of-state providers, nonprofit organizations, and community members is a legally dubious overreach that creates a climate of fear. It isolates Texans, making them afraid to seek information and support for their healthcare decisions. It erodes the fundamental trust between a patient and their provider, which is the bedrock of safe and effective medical care.

As a mother, my choice to build my family was mine alone, made in consultation with my doctors. My children are the center of my world, and I want to raise them in a Texas that respects bodily autonomy and trusts its citizens to make their own deeply personal decisions. HB 7 builds a future where the state, not the individual, has ultimate control over our most intimate choices.

This bill is a radical and dangerous overstep. I urge you to reject this legislation and trust Texans and their healthcare providers. Thank you.

Dennis Opferman

self

Fort Worth, TX

Every life deserves to be protected, from fertilization to natural death. However, even with our current Pro-Life laws, tens of thousands of abortion pills are mailed into our state each year, killing babies in the womb. We need to stop abortionists from sending deadly drugs to our communities. Please quickly advance HB 7 through the committee so that every Texan has a right to life, and pregnant women can seek alternatives to ending their child's life. This is a very important piece of legislation. Please give it the priority it deserves.

Audrey Griffin

Self, Library Worker

Austin, TX

HB 7 is a dangerous and unconstitutional attack on women's healthcare, medical practice, and basic constitutional rights. This legislation will not reduce abortions but will instead endanger women's lives, drive healthcare providers from the state, and waste taxpayer resources on unenforceable measures.

The people of Texas deserve policies based on medical evidence and constitutional principles, not political ideology that puts women's lives at risk. I urge you to vote against this harmful legislation and instead focus on evidence-based policies that actually improve healthcare outcomes for all Texans.

Women's healthcare decisions should be made by women and their doctors, not by politicians

Cassandra Mendoza

Self

Amarillo, TX

Please do not allow the abortion pill methoprene stone to be distributed to our Texas girls. If abortion is illegal in Texas, then why are we allowing pills to come into our state?

Jedidiah Ullrich

Self

Dallas, TX

I am against this bill as abortion is healthcare and no governing body should be telling what people should do with their bodies or how they should decide when they have children.

ascension vasquez

Self

georgetown, TX

I am opposed to bill HB7. This bill is an overreach of Texas authority and can lead to a climate of oppression and fear among woman, their support group and medical providers.

Sarah Griffis

Self

Austin, TX

I do NOT support this bill. It is dangerous for women's health and will lead to worse outcomes for reproductive care.

Please do not pass this dangerous bill!

Susan Harper

Self Retired

Plano, TX

You do realize at some point that you are going to drive people and business out of Texas? There is a limit to what people can take. You aren't going to change women's needs or wants for their bodies and you aren't going to change the sexual orientation of people. STOP!! Find something good to do for the people of TX. Attract good teachers, healthcare workers to rural areas. You are besting a dead horse on abortion rights. You already have the strictest laws in the country!!

M Whitney Womack, Miss

Self retired

Ft Worth, TX

Regardless ng the NEED TO PASS "THE MOTHER & CHILD PROTECTION ACT".

Not doing so would mean the ABANDONING OF MOTHERS AND THEIR BABIES TO THE HORROR THAT WOULD AWAIT THEM BEHIND THEIR BATHROOM DOORS, TO FACE ALONE THEIR DEAD BABY DOWN THEIR OWN TOILET

Brittany Masiel

Self

georgetown, TX

I strongly opposed to HB 7. This bill is another aim at intimidating and oppressing the woman of Texas. Not only is it oppressive it is dangerous and will pit neighbor against neighbor. This bill can lead to possible false allegations and can also lead to an atmosphere of fear among medical providers. Which can lead them to be unwilling to give woman all possible medical options available due to fears of prosecution. Once again please focus on flood prevention/ relief bills, Thanks.

Mary Vo

self

Austin, TX

This bill will not save lives and instead encourages harassment, political retaliation and abuse. It is an attempt at legal overreach into the business of private citizens assisting Texans access abortion pills for the purpose of healthcare, even if this occurs in states where abortion is legal.

Edith Rogat

self

Austin, TX

I strongly oppose HB7. This bill represents yet another attempt to strip Texans of their constitutional rights, bodily autonomy, and access to essential health care. By prohibiting the provision of abortion medication from outside the state, HB7 cruelly targets people in the most vulnerable circumstances: those who cannot afford to travel long distances, who face medical complications, or who live in rural areas with already limited health care options.

Medication abortion is safe, effective, and has been used by millions of Americans for decades. Restricting access will not end the need for abortion—it will only increase suffering, force people into dangerous situations, and deepen existing inequalities. Wealthy Texans will continue to find ways to access care, while low-income people, communities of color, and those without support will bear the heaviest burden.

This bill also raises serious concerns about government overreach. By attempting to control what people can receive across state lines, HB7 attacks not only reproductive rights but also basic freedoms of privacy, autonomy, and interstate commerce. Texans deserve legislators who respect their personal medical decisions and focus on improving health outcomes—not punishing people for seeking safe, standard care.

I urge lawmakers to reject HB7 and instead prioritize policies that expand health care access, protect families, and uphold the dignity and rights of every Texan.

Patricia Cummings

Self

Lorena, TX

I ask that any drug that can end a pregnancy and cause harm to the woman not be allowed to be mailed into Texas.

Chantelle Bacigalupo

Self

Austin,TX, TX

My name is Chantelle Bacigalupo and I am writing to oppose House Bill 7. HB 7 will create a nationwide abortion bounty hunt, further isolating Texans who are seeking medical care and intimidate anyone who helps us. On a basic level, the bill interferes with my personal freedom and right to access essential healthcare. It undermines abortion access for Texans already facing multiple barriers to healthcare.

As someone who lived in a South American country where abortion was illegal, I had to travel to Texas to receive the care I needed — it became my sanctuary. When I returned to South America, I experienced firsthand the risks to my health, even beyond abortion, simply from the fear of seeking medical support.

I know from personal experience that when abortion is restricted or criminalized, people still find a way — but it is far less safe. Laws like this do not stop abortions; instead, they endanger not only those seeking abortion care but pregnant people as a whole.

This is yet another attempt to turn neighbors into spies, and it is deeply unpopular in our state. You already know, Texans have already rejected this approach in Amarillo. Voters voted down the targeting of neighbors who help others access abortion care because we see this for what it is: government overreach. We do not want to be punished for seeking care or see our loved ones sued for offering help.

For years Texans have struggled to access even the most basic healthcare and the abortion ban has only worsened our quality of life. Maternal deaths in Texas have increased by 56%, sepsis rates have surged 50%, and infant mortality has increased by 13%. As a full-spectrum doula, I've seen this firsthand. These are our lives and our loved ones in the heartbreaking statistics. At such a crucial moment, the state government should be doing anything but further criminalizing abortion care for Texans. For these reasons I oppose HB 7.

Juanita Alvarado, Mrs

Self

Waxahachie, TX

I support this bills

Kerrie-Ann Rester

Self Homeschool Mom

Crawford, TX

I do think abortion inducing drugs should be illegal in Texas. I have several reasons why-

I believe in the sanctity of life & it starts at conception.

I think the drugs themselves are too risky to the mother's life as well. Giving a pill to destroy a life growing inside a woman/girl and then sending them on their way is very reckless. There are physical, mental & emotional outcomes that are not supervised. Instead of killing an unborn child for convenience, shame or fear, it would be much better to support this woman/girl through out the pregnancy & birth. If she decides not to keep the baby (for whatever reason), then put more effort into adoption. We need to bring about more resources and ways for adoption. I'm sure there are those in our state political offices that were or have adopted. I was unable to have children. My husband & I adopted 2 children. They are 20 yrs apart in age. We had 1 from the moment she was born and our son came to us a bit older. We adopted him as a toddler. I'm so grateful their birthmothers chose adoption. That allowed me the gift of being Mom.

Emily Hyde

Self

Austin, TX

Hello, my name is Emily. The added trauma and fear that pregnant individuals are currently facing are forced to navigate an unnecessary fourth ban to get the care they need. People deserve to have access to safe abortion care without political interference. I urge you to listen to medical experts, not misinformation, and vote NO on HB 7. Thank you.

Kelli Smith

Self

Frisco, TX

I am a Texas resident, taxpayer, and parent, and I urge the members of the House State Affairs Committee to oppose HB 7.

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HB 7 creates cash rewards for these lawsuits, encouraging harassment, political retaliation, and abuse. It also tries to override laws in other states where abortion is legal.

Regardless of your stance on abortion, this kind of legal overreach should concern everyone. If Texas can do this, what's stopping other states from doing the same for other types of care?

Texans are facing real crises. We need solutions—not more punishment.

Please vote NO on HB 7.

Eva Gutierrez

Self

El Paso, TX

I urge you to pass House Bill 7, the Woman and Child Protection Act. I strongly believe that every life deserves to be protected, from fertilization to natural death. However, even with our current Pro-Life laws, tens of thousands of abortion pills are mailed into our state each year, killing preborn babies. Texans need more tools to bring about justice for abortionists and activists who send deadly drugs to our communities. Please quickly advance HB 7 through the committee, so Pro-Life citizens can save preborn children and defend their mothers from abortion pills. Thank you.

MISTY Collier

Carestx.org

Amarillo, TX

We don't want Texas babies murdered anymore

Janes Leiber

Self

The Woodlands, TX

Please vote no on HB 7. Drug is used in case of miscarriage and complicated deliveries. Those decisions to take drug should be between women and their doctors. Thanks!

Jasmine Mcfadden

Transgender

Stockton, TX

I think that this is unconstitutional. Trans people should be able to use the bathrooms that they identify with. It's not fair to take our rights away and make us a target in a dangerous situation. And I hope.

That this never passes

Susan McConnell

Self/retired

Carrollton, TX

Please vote yes for HB 7

Terry Lynch

Self

Parker, TX

I support this bill. The research has shown these drugs, in addition to killing babies, also have negative affects and impacts on the woman. I ask you to please vote yes for this bill so that it can move to the floor for a full vote of representatives and subsequently become law.

Feyi Obamehinti, Dr.

Ravir LLC Leadership Services

Keller, TX

Ban mailing abortion pills into Texas.

nikki ngo

self

Austin, TX

Texas are reeling from devastating floods and weather phenomenon while also having to face cuts to important services, such as medicaid, and instead of putting forth efforts to provide for the Texans who need their help, we instead want to target the tools Texans can use to make smart and healthy decisions for themselves and their families. Before we limit the access to medicines in this state, we should be focusing on the immediate concerns of rebuilding and preventing future disasters.

Ethan Elkins
Self
Houston, TX

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Sharon Loveall
Self
Fort Worth, TX

Stop the killing. Stop the killing of innocents and the moms carrying them. Abortions by mail are dangerous and negligent. We should expect others to take responsibility for their actions, not make it easy for them to be irresponsible.

Alexandra Yost
Self
Austin, TX

Against. This is unconstitutional, unenforceable and is dangerous for women seeking medical care. Attacking those who are helping women obtain medical care (the prevents them from dying or being able to carry a future pregnancy) will result in women dying or seeking unauthorized medical care.

Aaron Hall
Self - printing
Plano, TX

I oppose this bill as it's more moral grandstanding instead of helping save lives or help anyone's standards of care.

Bridget Brame
self
Georgetown, TX

My family and friends SUPPORT HB7 which relates to prohibitions on the manufacturing and provision of abortion-inducing drugs.

These deadly drugs now pose the greatest threat to preborn babies and vulnerable women in our state.

- The Ethics and Public Policy Center (EPPC) released a comprehensive report based on an analysis of public and private insurance claims submitted by 330 million U.S. patients over a span of seven years, from 2017 to 2023. According to the study, 10.93% of the 865,727 women prescribed chemical abortions using the drug mifepristone suffered a serious adverse event like sepsis or hemorrhaging within 45 days after taking the drug.

Jessica Torres

Self

Dallas, TX

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Abigail Hawthorne

self, freelance musician

Garland, TX

HB 7 is an extreme and dangerous bounty-hunter bill that expands beyond Texas and would cut off Texans' access to safe, necessary health care. It goes after medication abortion, which has been safely used in the U.S. for over 20 years and would allow anyone, even people outside of Texas, to sue providers and helpers for \$100,000.

This bill would also let strangers interfere in someone's private medical decisions. It would force pregnant people into dangerous situations, isolate them from support, and create devastating legal risks for doctors, family members, and even friends who try to help.

This bill would also sow confusion amongst physicians trying to provide life-saving abortion care, leading to the preventable deaths of more Texans.

I'm asking you to vote NO on HB 7. Texans deserve safe, accessible health care, not more punishment, fear, and surveillance. Please protect our communities and reject this dangerous bill.

Deborah Kiester

self

Flower Mound, TX

Stop trying to take away our rights as women to have control over our bodies! You will never stop abortion, which has been happening since the beginning of time. We will continue to fight for our rights.

sita de leon costello, ms

self (higher ed)

san antonio, TX

I'm wiring to strongly urge the members of the House State Affairs Committee to oppose HB 7. This would be extremely dangerous, limiting a person's ability to safely secure reproductive planning & wellness in a time of economic strife and racist redlining. ABORTION IS HEALTHCARE.

Please use your conscience when affecting people's right to self determination and family planning.

Stephen Niermann

self

Carrollton, TX

Please prohibit these drugs

Stephanie Thompson, Ms.

Self, Visual Artist

Austin, TX

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Tar Kuruvilla

self

Frisco, TX

I moved back to Texas from Seattle a little less than a year ago. I was born and raised in Texas and have all my family here. I want to stay in Texas. I want to go to law school in Texas. But, this Bill and other Bills that further restrict women's reproductive rights make me hesitant to continue living here. I have endometriosis, which makes my chances of having a more dangerous pregnancy higher than most. So, I want to ensure that I will have access to all the options needed to protect myself and my family. Since Texas has passed so many restriction on reproductive care adding this one will create a higher sense of fear for care providers in the state. There will be even few providers of necessary, life saving abortion-inducing drugs for people. This makes the state more dangerous for me. Additionally, I am in community supporting some abortion access providers in the state. So I know there is a large and vibrant community in Texas and nationally that wants to preserve women's, family's, and pregnancy abled people's rights to plan for their family and make decisions best for their health. This community will be devastated by this bill. It will make critical work impossible for public health in this State. Texas has already failed in protecting the health of women, families, and those able to have children. I knew this moving back to my home State. But now, the State will be impacting the community organizations that are protecting Texans. Please do NOT pass this bill.

Erin Parekh

self, editor

Houston, TX

This bill interferes with safe and well-studied procedures for no reason other than to assert state control and incentivize community surveillance over an individual's choices concerning her own body. It is a violation of civil liberties and, if enacted, would waste not only millions of dollars in litigation, but also cause fully preventable disability, injury, and death through denial of needed care and intentional fearmongering. I urge the legislature to reject these undemocratic and medically horrifying measures.

Ophelie Horsley

self

Austin, TX

I am a Texas resident and parent, and I urge the members of the House State Affairs Committee to oppose HB 7. This bill does nothing to protect Texans. Instead, it would allow private citizens to sue anyone who helps a Texan access abortion pills—even if that care happens out of state. That includes friends, family, volunteers, and abortion funds.

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Danielle Gardner

Self

Midlothian, TX

Please vote yes

Nicole Fillion-Robin

self

Austin, TX

Isolate pregnant Texans, create fear among providers nationwide, and destabilize healthcare access for everyone.

HB7 deputizes private citizens as bounty hunters, rewarding them for surveillance and punishment of their neighbors, friends, and even strangers. This is a precedent that pits people against each other and is dangerous.

It also gives the AG unprecedented power to target anyone for the intent of breaking abortion laws without evidence. This unjustly puts women in danger as we've seen since the beginning of the abortion bans. More medical doctors are worried about administering life saving medical procedures that may put them at legal risk. Simply put, this endangers the lives of women and we should trust families and doctors to make the right choices for their clients and themselves.

Rosalind James

Self, homemaker

Cypress, TX

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Donna Phillips

Self

The Hills, TX

Please pass this bill immediately and be counted in Texas and in heaven as a Life supporter.

Thank you for your service

Maude Shepherd

Self

Houston, TX

OPPOSE HB 7. We do not need yet another ban. HB 7 is NOT about protection. It's about control, overreach, and tyranny. This bill would further ban safe and effective medication, deputize private citizens as bounty hunters for the state, and expand Texas's oppressive abortion ban beyond our borders. This bill is part of a broader authoritarian playbook with nationwide consequences. It isn't just about controlling Texans—it's about controlling everyone, everywhere.

H.B. 7 even directs appeals into a court created to guarantee favorable rulings, ensuring that challenges to the law are stifled before they begin. Its clawback provision against shield states is designed to spark interstate conflict—pitting Texas against other states that are trying to protect their residents.

Not only does this bill impose tyranny by expanding those who can be sued for providing care, it also vastly expands the pool of those who can sue providers for facilitating healthcare decisions that they personally disagree with. Currently these lawsuits are limited to the potential plaintiffs in the wrongful death statute, who must have some connection to the events. This law would allow virtually anyone to interfere in the personal decisions of others. This is imposition and tyranny at its finest.

The medical community opposes this bill and has said it will make the delivery of non abortion healthcare worse. The qui tam lawsuits in Texas court are also unlikely to overcome the shield laws in other states, so this bill makes healthcare worse for Texans and does not change the ability of Texans to get telehealth abortion.

This bill will expand the reach of state tyranny, further isolate pregnant Texans, create fear among providers nationwide, and destabilize healthcare access for everyone.

Carol Ann Stewart, Mrs

Self

Amarillo, TX

Ban stop all Abortion pills drugs. They kill the baby, and harm the mother especially when placenta not delivered. Stand for Life Texas take a Stand for America

Donnette Mayfield

Self

MONTGOMERY, TX

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Idona Griffith

self, retired teacher

Austin, TX

I vehemently oppose this legislation, and any other legislative attempts to control what a woman can and cannot do with her own body.

Kenneth Kasper

Self

New Braunfels, TX

I support the prohibition on manufacturing abortion-inducing drugs and support the resistance to any court order internally and externally that tries enforce the continuation of the practice of infanticide in the state of Texas

Cali Chidester
Self (firefighter)
Austin, TX

We deserve the reproductive freedom to decide if, when, and how to have children. In a country with no universal healthcare, in a state with an absurd and embarrassingly high maternal mortality rate, we deserve to be able to decide if we want to risk our lives to bring a child in to this world. If you can understand "My body, my choice" when it comes to wearing a mask during the pandemic, you should be able to understand how that applies to carrying a child. No one can force you to donate blood, to donate blood marrow, to give up a kidney, or even donate your organs after death - all actions that could save lives with less of a personal impact than pregnancy, labor, and delivery. In every other circumstance we understand that bodily autonomy comes before another's right to life. Why should a pregnant body have less autonomy than a corpse? Abortion should be legal in this country - full stop - but the very least you can do is allow pregnant people to continue to access what can be lifesaving medication. And it truly can be lifesaving not only for people who don't wish to continue their pregnancies - if someone suffers a miscarriage (which can happen in up to 25% of pregnancies!) they are at risk for hemorrhaging or sepsis from remaining tissues. These drugs help stop bleeding, expel remaining tissues that could make them sick, and therefore help save lives and the future ability to try to have children if that person wishes. Your bill is harmful and not based in fact.

Angelica Hernandez
Self - Associate Editor
Austin, TX

My name is Angelica Hernandez, and I am opposing House Bill 7. HB 7 will create a nationwide abortion bounty hunt, further isolating Texans who are seeking medical care and intimidate anyone who helps us. This bill interferes with my personal freedom and right to access essential healthcare. It undermines abortion access for Texans already facing multiple barriers to healthcare.

As a woman who dreams of becoming a mother, with increasing restrictions on reproductive healthcare, I am slowly becoming resigned to never realizing that dream. I feel targeted and threatened at every potential stage of pregnancy and motherhood and cannot fathom bringing a child into this state. And while it's hard enough to consider worrying about the government targeting me, it's worse to consider my neighbors as a threat imposed also by the government.

This is yet another attempt to turn neighbors into spies, and it is deeply unpopular in our state. Texans have already rejected this approach in Amarillo. Voters voted down the targeting of neighbors who help others access abortion care because we see this for what it is: government overreach. We do not want to be punished for seeking care or see our loved ones sued for offering help.

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Susan Kelly
Self; retired journalist
Austin, TX

I am opposed to HB 7, which will further limit the ability for women in Texas to obtain an abortion. Pro-choice is preferred by most Texans! Legislators have no business deciding major life decisions for the women of our state. Please vote NO.

Jacilyn Climer

Self

Denton, TX

I am writing to strongly oppose House Bill 7. This bill represents an extreme overreach into the private lives of Texans and would place pregnant people, their families, and their communities in dangerous and harmful situations.

HB7 targets medication abortion, which has been safely used in the United States for over two decades. Restricting this safe, effective form of health care does nothing to protect Texans—it only puts lives at greater risk. By allowing lawsuits of up to \$100,000 against providers, volunteers, or even friends who offer a ride or financial help, this bill weaponizes the legal system against ordinary people who are simply trying to support one another.

The bill also invites interference from strangers in deeply personal medical decisions. This is unacceptable. Forcing pregnant people into isolation and fear undermines not only their health and safety, but also the basic values of dignity and autonomy that Texans hold dear.

Doctors, family members, and community supporters should not face devastating legal consequences for offering compassion and care. Instead of creating more surveillance and punishment, Texas should be investing in policies that expand access to safe, affordable, and comprehensive health care.

For these reasons, I urge you to reject HB7. Texans deserve policies rooted in compassion, safety, and respect for bodily autonomy—not fear, punishment, and division. Please vote no on this harmful and dangerous bill.

Jana Long, Mrs

Concerned Women for America of Texas, state director

Dallas, TX

The abortion pill is a hazard to the public health and poses a significant threat of danger to women. The abortion pill poses a four-times higher risk of complications than surgical abortion in the first trimester. The abortion pill is now being illegally trafficked into the US through foreign websites and numerous black market sellers endangering lives of American citizens. I support this bill and hope that you will too.

Lisa Stone

self/educator

Houston, TX

HB 7 attempts to prohibit access to abortion pills, a necessary medication that saves the lives of women all across Texas. This bill continues the ongoing attack on women and their rights to bodily autonomy. You know it is pandering to extremists who absolutely do not care about safety, health and welfare of Texans. I join all those urging you to be brave by standing up to extremists and instead work to promote health and safety.

Aaron Madison

Self

Austin, TX

I am vehemently opposed to HB7. I am appalled at how intrusive the government of Texas is becoming, and this bill would lead us further down that path.

I'm a man who has no children, so some would say I have no dog in the fight. But even if I don't have kids, I still would have reasons to worry if this passes.

I have done driving and delivery gigs for the past few years, and this bill could lead to me being targeted simply for transporting a box that happens to contain certain medication. As I understand the bill, there are exceptions to prosecution for delivery drivers as long as they are unaware of what they are delivering. However, it could still lead to someone like me getting caught up in accusations or a lawsuit when someone accuses me of knowing I was delivering a certain medication. This is the stuff of dystopian novels. It has no place in a supposedly freedom-loving state like Texas.

Not to mention that abortion inducing drugs are frequently needed to protect the life of the pregnant woman. Drugs like Mifepristone have been used for decades and are extremely safe, so claiming to be protecting women by banning these life-saving medications is absurd. I want the women in my life to be able to get the treatment they need without fear of intimidation or lawsuits.

Don't let strangers intrude on their privacy. Do not pass this bill.

Susan Bell

Fredericksburg Tea Party

Kerrville, TX

We must close all loopholes that could enable people to get a hold of these pills. Every action including HB 7 must be taken to save babies and STOP abortion.

Jeremy Flowers

Self

Tyler, TX

Chair and Members of the Committee,

I write today in strong opposition to HB 7, relating to prohibitions on the manufacturing and provision of abortion-inducing drugs.

This bill is not only an attack on the health and autonomy of women—it also undermines the broader principle of shared responsibility and freedom in healthcare decisions.

Restricting access to medication abortion removes one of the safest, most common, and medically supported forms of reproductive healthcare. These drugs are not experimental—they have been used safely for decades, with outcomes far safer than many routine medical procedures. HB 7 strips women of options, forcing them into greater medical risks, financial strain, and geographic barriers to care. For rural Texans and those without the means to travel, this effectively denies them any access at all.

This bill does not only harm women. It also harms men who are committed partners, fathers, and supporters of reproductive healthcare decisions. When lawmakers restrict access to abortion-inducing medications, they remove the ability for men to stand with their partners, to share in decision-making, and to support them through a deeply personal healthcare process. Families are strongest when people can make choices together. HB 7 criminalizes not just the procedure but the very act of shared responsibility in family planning.

HB 7 advances government interference into private medical decisions where it does not belong. Texans value freedom and responsibility. This bill undermines both by substituting the government's judgment for that of families and medical professionals.

For these reasons, I urge you to oppose HB 7. Protecting reproductive healthcare access is not only a women's issue—it is a family issue, a freedom issue, and a matter of respecting the dignity of every Texan.

Cindy Fountain

Self/Retail Merchandiser

Cleburne, TX

I oppose HB 7. The impact of HB7 would disproportionately affect vulnerable communities, including women of color and those in low-income and rural areas, who already face significant barriers to healthcare access. Since the abortion ban took effect in 2021, maternal and infant health outcomes have worsened. HB 7 promises even worse maternal health outcomes.

HB 7 is an attack on healthcare and our First Amendment rights. It further restricts abortion access in Texas and places unprecedented legal and financial burdens on individuals, online abortion pill providers, and organizations like abortion funds that help Texans access the care they deserve. HB 7 would deepen inequalities in healthcare, criminalize constitutionally protected speech, and set a dangerous precedent for government overreach.

The Texas Legislature has no place in making personal medical decisions, nor should it attempt to suppress access to abortion through intimidation and legal threats. This bill is yet another step backwards for Texas. I urge you to oppose this bill.

Cindy Fountain

Cleburne, TX

Ava Trammell

Self

Joshua, TX

Dear Representatives, I'm writing to urge you to pass the Woman and Child Protection Act, HB 7 by Representative Leach. We must address the growing threat of abortion pills in Texas. Over 19,000 of these drugs are mailed into our state each year -often from unregulated websites- putting women at serious risk and ending the lives of innocent preborn children. It's vital that we act now and protect the vulnerable citizens of Texas. Thank you.

Lucy Frost, MS

Self

Manchaca, TX

I write in strong opposition to HB 7. This bill seeks to prohibit the manufacture and provision of abortion-inducing medications, extend Texas jurisdiction far beyond its borders, and authorize qui tam actions—effectively deputizing private citizens to sue others. HB 7 is unconstitutional, dangerous to public health, and corrosive to the rule of law.

Medication abortion is one of the safest and most common forms of reproductive healthcare in the United States. It has been used for decades, is approved by the FDA, and is endorsed by every major medical authority. By banning its manufacture and provision, HB 7 not only denies Texans essential healthcare, it also attempts to override established federal authority over drug safety and regulation. That is a dangerous precedent that undermines our entire healthcare system.

The bill's attempt to block the effect of court judgments from other jurisdictions is equally troubling. No single state can dictate to the entire nation. This type of extraterritorial overreach is not conservative, it is authoritarian. It tramples on the Constitution's guarantee that court rulings and contracts across states must be respected. If Texas claims the power to nullify judgments it dislikes, what is to stop other states from doing the same against Texas businesses and residents?

Even worse, HB 7 authorizes qui tam lawsuits, encouraging private citizens to act as bounty hunters against their neighbors, doctors, pharmacists, and even family members. We have already seen the toxic consequences of this approach under SB 8: division in communities, fear among patients, and doctors forced to practice medicine under constant threat of lawsuits. This undermines trust, drives providers out of Texas, and makes it nearly impossible for people to get the care they need.

HB 7 will not stop abortion. It will only make it more dangerous. People who are desperate will seek unsafe alternatives, and some will die. Others will be forced into unwanted pregnancies with lifelong consequences for their health, economic stability, and families. Once again, it will be low-income Texans, rural residents, and communities of color who bear the heaviest burdens.

At the same time, this bill ignores the real priorities Texans are demanding: affordable healthcare, disaster response, quality schools, fair taxes, and infrastructure that works. Instead of tackling those urgent challenges, lawmakers are using their power to punish people for making private medical decisions, and to expand government intrusion into the most intimate aspects of our lives.

Freedom means trusting people to make decisions about their own bodies and families. Government overreach, bounty-hunting lawsuits, and attacks on the medical community are not freedom. They are oppression. HB 7 takes Texas further down a path of cruelty, extremism, and chaos.

For the health, dignity, and liberty of all Texans, I urge you to reject HB 7.

I strongly oppose HB 7.

Jennifer Conner

self

The Woodlands, TX

I am a Texas resident and parent, and I urge the members of the House State Affairs Committee to oppose HB 7.

This bill does nothing to protect Texans. Instead, it would allow private citizens to sue anyone who helps a Texan access abortion pills—even if that care happens out of state. That includes friends, family, volunteers, and abortion funds.

HB 7 creates cash rewards for these lawsuits, encouraging harassment, political retaliation, and abuse. It also tries to override laws in other states where abortion is legal.

Regardless of your stance on abortion, this kind of legal overreach should concern everyone. If Texas can do this, what's stopping other states from doing the same for other types of care? Health care is between a doctor and patient, not the state Legislature.

Texans are facing real crises. We need solutions—not more punishment.

Please vote NO on HB 7.

Elizabeth Holland

Self

PLANO, TX

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Mary Smith, Ms

Concerned Women for America of TX

Arlington, TX

Mifepristone is used to terminate a pregnancy up to ten weeks, but the lack of medical oversight and access to emergency medical assistance can be fatal to young women take it alone and late in pregnancy. There is nothing safe or effective about allowing people to perform their own do your own abortion. The ease of obtaining the drugs and using the drugs is misleading. The people who provide money for the drugs and the companies who send the drugs through the mail are enabling disaster and destruction for women often under stress. I support this bill. It is important that Texas protect women and babies.

Alexandra Watts

Self

Irving, TX

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Please vote NO on HB 7.

Mary Koch

myself

Houston, TX

I urge you to vote no on HR 7 (JHR140). The Legislature of Texas is attempting to tie the hands of both patients and physicians in being able to use professional information for the most effective medical care. Medical decisions should be made between a physician, the patient, and the counselors of choice, if needed. Legislators have no business dictating patient care. Furthermore, enabling third-party "bounty hunters" to comment and benefit from snooping in another's medical care is an invasion of medical privacy. Please vote no on HB7

Jack Applewhite, Mr.

Self, Retired

Austin, TX

We're asking you to vote NO on bill HB 7. Texans deserve safe, accessible health care, not more punishment, fear, and surveillance. Please protect our communities and reject this dangerous bill. Thank you.

Jack and Kathleen Applewhite

Austin TX

Anjelica Fraga Escalante

Self

DENTON, TX

Medication abortion is safe. Do not further restrict reproductive healthcare based on lies. As someone who is currently pregnant, I strongly believe that no person should be forced to be pregnant against their will. Reproductive freedom is a human right.

Masha Davis

Self

Austin, TX

This is against the Jewish Religion and there are several lawsuits against antiabortion measures already under way.

Our Oral Torah states:

Mishnah Oholot 7:6

If a woman is having trouble giving birth, they cut up the child in her womb and brings it forth limb by limb, because her life comes before the life of [the child. But if the greater part has come out, one may not touch it, for one may not set aside one person's life for that of another.

Use of abortion inducing medication is much more civilized than the method prescribed by our teachings. And you also notice that this passage clearly shows that the mother's life is paramount over a fetus's life before it is born.

So please don't go against our religious rights if this is just one example.

Tracy Keshtkar

self - home school teacher

Azle, TX

I grow weary of having to push back on legislation that could negatively impact my life and the lives of others in possession of a uterus. But this bill goes beyond those that can get pregnant really. It sets precedent of a state being able to ban a medically approved drug. That's a slippery slope if ever there was one. Remember when the ACA was being argued over and Republicans were worried about "death panels" and politicians making medical decisions instead of health professionals? Well folks, here's an example of exactly that. Politicians sticking their noses where they don't belong. Banning the manufacture and distribution and use of approved medicines is a road we should not going down. What happens when it becomes politically fashionable to be against cancer medications? What if some liberal comes up with a miracle drug that could save lives, but because the creator is a liberal the conservative party decides to ban it? This is dangerous and irresponsible. This is also an invasion of privacy for those seeking to use those medications. You have no right as politicians to insert yourselves that deeply into someone's personal life. This bill is not supported with any actual data, it been created solely upon ideological lines and that in of itself is a violation of every other person's 1st amendment rights. There is no logical reason to write or pass this bill. This bill does not actually protect anyone. This bill will set dangerous ground work. Do not pass this bill.

James Klein
self
Corpus Christi, TX

Hi, my name is Jim Klein, and I ask you to vote NO on any bill that restricts reproductive freedom, specifically House Bill 7. Texans are already living with the dangerous consequences of the total abortion ban. Instead of making pregnancy safer and protecting Texans' right to make decisions about if they want to be pregnant, House Bill 7 further attacks proven and safe healthcare—medication abortion. Please put Texans' health and safety over politics and vote NO on House Bill 7."

Vera Kamerbeek, Ms
Self- retired
College Station, TX

My name is Vera Kamerbeek (an 71 yr old grandmother- with 6 grandchildren)and I am opposing House Bill 7. HB 7 will create a nationwide abortion bounty hunt, further isolating Texans who are seeking medical care and intimidate anyone who helps us. This bill interferes with my personal freedom and right to access essential healthcare. It undermines abortion access for Texans already facing multiple barriers to healthcare.

[Add 1-2 lines about why you personally care about abortion access]

This is yet another attempt to turn neighbors into spies, and it is deeply unpopular in our state. Texans have already rejected this approach in Amarillo. Voters voted down the targeting of neighbors who help others access abortion care because we see this for what it is: government overreach. We do not want to be punished for seeking care or see our loved ones sued for offering help.

For years Texans have struggled to access even the most basic healthcare and the abortion ban has only worsened our quality of life. Maternal deaths in Texas have increased by 56%, sepsis rates have surged 50%, and infant mortality has increased by 13%. (stop hiding the facts by not publishing the women mortality's rates) These are our lives and our loved ones in the heartbreaking statistics. At such a crucial moment, the state government should be doing anything but further criminalizing abortion care for Texans. For these reasons I oppose HB 7.

Anne McCready Heinen, MS
self, retired
Austin, TX

Dear House State Affairs Committee,

As a Texas resident and parent, I urge you to oppose HB 7. This bill does nothing to protect Texans. Instead, it would allow private citizens to sue anyone who helps a Texan access abortion pills—even if that care happens out of state. That includes friends, family, volunteers, and abortion funds. HB 7's creation of cash rewards encourages harassment, abuse, and political retaliation. It also overreaches by attempting to override laws in other states where abortion is legal.

This legal overreach should concern everyone, no matter their stance on abortion. If Texas can do this, what's stopping other states from doing the same for other types of care?

Texans face real crises that need solutions—not more punishment.

Please vote NO on HB 7.

Amber Sewell
Self
Missouri city, TX

opposed to HB 7... all peoples should age the right to their own bodies. Abortion should be legal. The government should not have a say in anyone's medical health or history. The abortion topic should be brought to the people for a vote.

Chelsea Williams
Self
FORT WORTH, TX

OPPOSE. Women should be allowed to choose what we do with our bodies. Abortion is healthcare. Terminating a pregnancy, through a medical procedure or a drug, should be the decision of the woman and her doctor. The government has no business in these matters. Texas women have died and will continue to die because of these abortion restrictions. Why don't you care about that? It's not about protecting life, it's about controlling women and girls.

Jennifer Bates, Rev.
self, clergy
Denton, TX

Don't you think y'all have done enough around abortion? Don't you think you have limited a woman's right to make decisions about her body enough? Do you really have to pass laws that not only restrict women's decisions but also targets a person or institution's religious freedom to act on caring for the members of their church and community by stripping away protections under the 1999 Texas Restoration of Religious Freedom Act. Where does this road take us? It leads to more dead women and dead children.

The Dallas Morning News just published stories of women who almost died or who made irreversible decisions about their healthcare out of fear of the laws you made in 2023. Doctors and women are leaving Texas because of laws like this that let them be sued for taking care of their own bodies and using their freedom to make their own decisions or for helping a woman do that.

As a clergy person I do everything I can to support my community as they make hard decisions based on their religious beliefs. Laws like that limit my ability to do my job and limit my community's rights to follow their religious beliefs in loving their neighbor and caring for the sick and poor. I'm severely disappointed in the state of Texas for trampling on the religious freedom of myself and my church community. God bless and care for Texas women, since our state legislators are refusing to do so.

Deborah Andrews, Mrs.
Self
Georgetown, TX

Please vote against harmful drugs used to abort lives.

Elia Smith
Pregnancy Center
Borger, TX

the courage of Daniel!

JAMES GALLAGHER
self
JONESTOWN, TX

You are literally killing women with these laws.

Rafael Rodriguez
self/tx right to life
Seguin, TX

ban abortion pills and save innocent precious life.

Eve Molnar
Self, graphic designer
Cedar Park, TX

This bill is blatant overreach and power grab that gives unprecedented power to Attorney General Ken Paxton to criminalize health care providers and support networks. Abortion is healthcare. If you don't like abortions, don't have one, but stop trying to control our bodies.

Melinda Kyhn
Self
Austin, TX

I urge you to pass House Bill 7, the Woman and Child Protection Act. I strongly believe that every life deserves to be protected, from fertilization to natural death. However, even with our current Pro-Life laws, tens of thousands of abortion pills are mailed into our state each year, killing preborn babies. Texans need more tools to bring about justice for abortionists and activists who send deadly drugs to our communities. Please quickly advance HB 7 through the committee, so Pro-Life citizens can save preborn children and defend their mothers from abortion pills.
Thank you.

Thomas Lewis
self
Dallas, TX

All human life must be protected. A unique human life begins at the moment of every conception and must be protected. Please support HB 7 by Leach with its prohibitions regarding abortion-inducing drugs. These drugs kill unique human lives and pose a risk to the health of mothers using them. Thank you.

Paul Bain, Mr.
self
New Braunfels, TX

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Ashleigh Lawrence
Self/non-profit employee
Lake jackson, TX

I do not support this bill at all. Abortion is healthcare. Stop doing this.

Aspen Drake
Self - Admin
Austin, TX

I oppose this continued attack on bodily autonomy and reproductive rights. This time and effort can be used to address actual health and safety issues facing our citizens, not manufactured fear mongering based on opinion and control. These well known drugs have less than a 1% complication rate, while actual pregnancy has ten times that. There are plenty of things people put into their bodies every day because they are free to do so. Let us eat, drink, and have access to safe and affordable options when it comes to our health and bodies.

Julianna Gelderloos

True Texas Project

Cleburne, TX

We all know abortion is not only the murder of a human, but also the bewitching of a woman's soul. At some point, that woman will have to face the fact that she killed her own innocent child. Even if the consequences of the baby's conception was unwanted, no child should be murdered for the sins of his/her parents. I have worked the majority of my 29 years as a registered nurse in Women's Health and have seen the lasting and devastating effects on women who commit murder (abortion) even when at an early gestation. These abortion- inducing medications are highly risky, as women are using them without supervision from a medical provider. Allowing the purchase of these medications creates a false sense of ease, as though one is doing something that is ok, perhaps even just. Saving the lives of the unborn matters, mothers matter, fathers matter, family matters. Throwing morality away in order to get rid of an "inconvenience" results in people walking around mere shells of their former selves. Texans deserve better!

Ryan Gale

Self, law student

Austin, TX

Every successful abortion ends a human life. Abortion pills not only kill the unborn child but also pose significant dangers to the women who use them. 1 in 10 women who take abortion pills suffer serious complications, including hemorrhage, sepsis, and infection, according to a study by the Ethics and Public Policy Center. The State of Texas has a duty to protect its citizens from violence and dangerous drugs, and I encourage the legislature to pass this bill to protect both women and the unborn in Texas.

Jill Patton

Self, business owner

Round Rock, TX

Abortion access and reproductive freedom for all. I vehemently oppose this bill.

Adrienne Martinez, Mrs.

Self

Rosenberg, TX

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Parina Vyasa

self

Houston, TX

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LINDA BARTLE
Self Insurance Agent
Spring Branch, TX

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Rodney Casey, Mr
Shackelford County Republicans
Albany, TX

For the health of the unborn children and for the health of pregnant mothers, please do everything you can to pass this bill!
Sincerely,
Rodney Casey
Shackelford County Republican Chairman

Kimberly Galland
Self CPA
Bryan, TX

I support the ban on abortion pills. From personal experience of a family member, these drugs can be life-threatening and should not be used without the close supervision of a doctor. They should never be sent via mail or sold over the counter.

Claire Buntrock, Pastor
Self- minister
Tomball, TX

Please save Texas from the horrific dangers of abortion drugs. 1. They are easy to slip into the food or drink of a pregnant woman without her consent. Such a case by an abusive husband in Louisiana tainting his wife's food led to a ban in that state. 2. Many women choosing to abort with drugs have no idea the emotional torment they will carry for the rest of their lives, especially those whose fetuses are developed and thus detectable when ejected from the womb, 3. Close the loophole on the abortion industry which cruelly profits on death. 4. These forever chemicals are released into our water supply and are not able to be filtered through existing sewage treatment plants. Who has studied the impact on public health?Thank you.

Aidan Kuemmerle
Self
Austin, TX

Hello, my name is Aidan. The added trauma and fear that pregnant individuals are currently facing are forced to navigate an unnecessary fourth ban to get the care they need. People deserve to have access to safe abortion care without political interference. I urge you to listen to medical experts, not misinformation, and vote NO on SB 7. Thank you.

James Bridges, Reverend
Self, retired UU clergyman and school psychologist
Fate, TX

I am a Texas resident, parent, and voter. I am completely opposed to this legislation and urge you to vote against it. It is a complete overreach and restricts freedom of Texas citizens. I view this legislation as unAmerican!

mary hill
self. retired
austin, TX

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Beverly Roberts
self
Houston, TX

Abortion pills are dangerous for women and they pollute the water that we citizens drink. The bodies of dead babies that are flushed down toilets do not decompose and they clog our sewage system. These pills are a blight on our nation. We must stop this heinous situation!

Kelly Schlesinger
self
Spring, TX

Prohibiting these drugs jeopardizes the healthcare you say you want to protect. They are necessary in many situations that arise during and after pregnancy and their use is best determined by a doctor. You are not doctors. Vote NO on HB 7.

Thomas Mutranowski
Self
Plano, TX

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Brittany Klemmack
Self
Round Rock, TX

This bill doesn't stop abortion it pushes the most vulnerable underground. Women are dying in Texas from these laws. How as Christians can we be ok with this. Safe access should be there for a woman and her Dr. Those are the ppl who know best . Not those of us who aren't in her shoes

Taylor Woods
self
Fort Worth, TX

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Jacob Klementich
Self
Houston, TX

Donald
Don't let them get away with murder

Maisey Michalec
Self, nurse-midwife
College Station, TX

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Jennifer Perregrino
Self
The Woodlands, TX

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Nan Kirkpatrick
self, development director
Dallas, TX

I oppose HB 7 by Leach. This bill is a drastic overreach of state legal authority. Texas already restricts abortion medication distribution within the state. I urge you to vote no on HB 7.

Tessa Kisielewski
Self - Social Worker
Austin, TX

Oppose this harmful bill as an overreach into the rights of women and persons who may become pregnant which also endangers them further by blocking access to life-saving medical support. The asinine bills like HB 7 that are continuously put up to vote are danger to society and a WASTE of resources and time that would be better spent SERVING YOUR CONSTITUENTS. Have a spine and keep your harmful laws out of women's bodies.

Allison Kyzar, Mrs.
self
San Antonio, TX

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Michael earney
self writer
Utopia, TX

abortion is a critical need.

Cynthia Ridgeway
Cherokee Rose Republican Women's Club of Upshur County
Diana, TX

For decades conservatives who believe in the sanctity of human life, have fought to defend the unborn. Please vote to prohibit the manufacture and use of abortion inducing drug in the state of Texas. Only licensed doctors should perform surgical abortions in the rare event necessary to save the life of the mother.

Walter Pate
Self
Midland, TX

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Kimberlyn Schwartz

Self, nonprofit

Sugar Land, TX

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Travis Maples

Self

Austin, TX

Vote no on HB 7. It is shameful that the legislature is using its time--during a special session, no less--to further limit access to abortion, which has already been severely limited. I urge this committee to vote NO on HB 7.

Karen Buckman

Retired

Spring, TX

Please vote no

Celia Kilburn, Ms

Self

Pasadena, TX

I'm 68 years old and appalled that we're resorting to this behavior. At 19, I had an abortion. The man swore he was single, and loved me. Wrong on both counts. The abortion was painless. I was 10 weeks along and a new kid in town. A year later I had to move home, because my sister had leukemia. And my brother had just gotten a medical discharge from the army. My mother was near the end of her mental state and needed me desperately. I'd have been no help we're I bringing home an infant. I never regretted my choice. We should always have a choice!

Mery Arriaga, Ms

Self

San Antonio, TX

I have sever endometriosis and had trouble in the past staying pregnant because of my medical condition. If it weren't for birth control helped me reduce my endometriosis symptoms to be able to have my first and only child. I still need to continue to be on birth control to keep myself from bleeding out for months not days months and had need several blood transfusion to keep myself from being anemic.

Linden Marak, Ms

Self

Austin, TX

My name is Linden Marak. I live in the city of Austin and have for my entire life. I have a phobia of pregnancy. There is nothing I don't do to avoid having even the anxiety of being pregnant. This may start with abortion. This may progress to abortion medication. How long before it's the morning after pill. How long before it's my birth control medication. How long before I'm no longer seen as a woman with my own dignity and autonomy, and suddenly seen as a piece of meat who can bear a child. This bill is repulsive. This bill continues this idea that women can't make their own choices. That women don't deserve to protect and take care of their own bodies. That even despite what we're told in this state, we can't help each other to reach care elsewhere. You have no control over what women do over state lines, and while that threatens your control over our bodies, we will not be policed into fear.

Suzanne Hatzenbiler

Self

Fort Worth, TX

Please hear and pass this bill. The abortion pills that are coming over our state lines are hurting and in some cases killing the women using them. Texas needs to do better and protect the lives of the babies and their mothers. It's so dangerous!

Charlene Reagan

True Texas Project and Self

Spicewood, TX

I oppose the availability of mail-order of abortion pills. Making it so easy and normalizing the killing of innocent lives is not what we need.

Gabriela Mireles

Self/ clerk

Amarillo, TX

Hello, my name is Gabby Mireles from Amarillo ,Texas. I urge you to listen to medical experts, not misinformation. Please vote NO on HB 7, just as Amarilloans voted no against a similar topic in order to protect their neighbors! HB 7 will isolate vulnerable people and criminalize their support systems.

corrine arnold

self retired

cleburne, TX

I'm opposed to this. We should be satisfied with the wins we have. Pushing further feels extreme.

Jessenia Fanini

self

Houston, TX

VOTE NO ON HB 7!

Sarah Berel-Harrop

self/chaplain

Farmers Branch, TX

More lawfare from the party of lawsuit reform. It just goes to show that it wasn't about lawsuit reform at all, it was about using the courts as a weapon for a certain ideological agenda.

As a person of faith, a religious professional, and a chaplain, I oppose this bill. Just because someone is pregnant doesn't mean they should have a baby and it is not for the state or any other party to make that decision. As a chaplain, I don't know a care-seeker's life. What I do know is that each pregnant person has a moral obligation to decide, based upon their own life circumstances and religion or ethical guiding system, whether or not it is correct for them to continue a pregnancy. My job as chaplain is to hold space for the person to connect with the sacred and make their own decisions.

Clergy are called to support the social principles of their own faith, not those of Christian Nationalists using the power of the state to make policy aimed to force everyone to follow *their* religion. That's why Unitarian Universalist and other protestant clergy participated in the Clergy Consultation Service pre-Roe to save the lives and health of abortion-seekers. It would have been repugnant then to create a cause of action against them, and it's not good policy now either.

This bill allows people to use the courts to harass faith communities with expensive pre-trial discovery, even if the claim has no merit. Some disgruntled person or group can sue for any reason - without any basis to believe the congregation is actually involved with abortion care - and with no penalty. The financial consequences can kill a congregation. So basically you are handing out a loaded gun for people to use against personal enemies. That's bad policy.

This bill attempts to penalize judges by providing a financial penalty for reviewing the law. This infringes on the independence of the judiciary by intimidating them. The judiciary should not be constrained from evaluating the constitutionality or propriety of legislation under separation of powers. That is also bad policy.

The State of Texas has a process to make its own laws. It is not appropriate for the State of Texas - even through cute mechanisms granting special interests special privileges - to dictate law to other states. That undermines federalism and it's frankly embarrassing for the State of Texas to go around like a bully boy trying to push everyone else around.

Please vote no on HB7.

Sonja Olson

Self, project manager

Richardson, TX

This is another attempt to control women by denying them bodily autonomy. Women should be free to make informed decisions about pregnancy. I am OPPOSED to this bill.

David Olivares
Self/unemployed
San Antonio, TX

I am opposing House Bill 7. HB 7 will essentially create a nationwide abortion bounty hunt, further isolating Texans who are seeking medical care and intimidate anyone who helps us. This bill interferes with Texans' personal freedom and right to access essential healthcare. It undermines abortion access for Texans already facing multiple barriers to healthcare.

Abortion has never been my business as I already understand it's between a pregnant woman and her doctor or medical professional. Full stop. It becoming my business because of legislation like this is tacky and gross. I do not and will not ever condone this type of legislative dog-whistling against my fellow Texans.

I'm not the only one who thinks this way, as it is deeply unpopular in our state. Texans have already rejected this approach in Amarillo. Voters voted down the targeting of neighbors who help others access abortion care because we see this for what it is: government overreach. No one should be punished for seeking care or even providing care like doctors and medical professionals.

For years Texans have struggled to access even the most basic healthcare and the abortion ban has only worsened our quality of life. Maternal deaths in Texas have increased by 56%, sepsis rates have surged 50%, and infant mortality has increased by 13%. These are our lives and our loved ones in the heartbreaking statistics. At such a crucial moment, the state government should be doing anything but further criminalizing abortion care for Texans. For these reasons I oppose HB 7.

Christine Bowman, N/A
self / registered nurse
Kingsland, TX

My name is Christine Bowman and as a mother, grandmother and nurse I am opposing House Bill 7. This bill interferes with Texans personal freedom and right to access essential healthcare.

I am a registered nurse and the ignorance of the female reproductive system by the legislators who wrote and support this bill is staggering. Texas women have been subjected to a government who refuses to provide basic healthcare and now you are attempting to further your cruel legislation by turning neighbors into spies. Women should not be punished for seeking care or see our loved ones sued for offering assistance.

For years Texans have struggled to access even the most basic healthcare and the abortion ban has only worsened women's quality of life. Maternal deaths in Texas have increased by 56%, sepsis rates have surged 50%, and infant mortality has increased by 13%. These are heartbreaking statistics. Our government should be helping women not criminalizing abortion care for Texans. Abortion is healthcare. Educate yourselves and quit killing Texas women. God help you. For these reasons I oppose HB 7.

Joyce Borgfeld
Self/Nurse
Dallas, TX

Oppose

Hannah Honor
Self, Doula
Arlington, TX

I am a Texas resident and taxpayer, and I urge the members of the House State Affairs Committee to oppose HB 7. This bill does nothing to protect Texans. Instead, it would allow private citizens to sue anyone who helps a Texan access abortion pills—even if that care happens out of state. That includes friends, family, volunteers, and abortion funds. HB 7 creates cash rewards for these lawsuits, encouraging harassment, political retaliation, and abuse. It also tries to override laws in other states where abortion is legal.

Regardless of your stance on abortion, this kind of legal overreach should concern everyone. If Texas can do this, what's stopping other states from doing the same for other types of care? Texans are facing real crises. We need solutions—not more punishment. Please vote NO on HB 7.

Hannah Jala

self

Austin, TX

I am writing the committee in opposition of House Bill 7 (HB7).

HB7 is an extreme and dangerous bounty-hunter bill that expands beyond Texas and would cut off Texans' access to safe, necessary health care. It goes after medication abortion which has been safely used in the U.S. for over 20 years and would allow anyone, even people outside of Texas, to sue providers and helpers for \$100,000.

This bill would also let strangers interfere in someone's private medical decisions. It would force pregnant people into dangerous situations, isolate them from support, and create devastating legal risks for doctors, family members, and even friends who try to help.

This bill would also sow confusion amongst physicians trying to provide life-saving abortion care, leading to the preventable deaths of more Texans.

I am asking the committee to vote NO on HB7. Texans deserve safe, accessible health care, not more punishment, fear, and surveillance. Please protect our communities and reject this dangerous bill.

Norma Gist, Ms

Self

Lubbock, TX

I stand for Life and Texas must stand for Life

kayleigh matheson

self

austin, TX

This is yet another over reach into the lives of Texans. These medicines are safe, effective, and necessary.

Suzette Tardif

Self

Galveston, TX

I urge you to oppose HB 7. This bill would pit one Texan against another. This bill would let strangers interfere in private medical decisions. Such interference does NOT represent the Texas where I and my family have been for generations.

This bill would also sow confusion among physicians trying to provide life saving abortions care. As a grandmother, I am distressed to think that I would encourage my granddaughter s to leave Texas in order to ensure they have adequate reproductive care.

Please vote NO on HB 7.

Aileen Boone

San Antonio family association

San antonio, TX

I am very much in favor of stopping the chemical abortion pill that is killing babies and harming many women who take the pill. Those woman should be able to hold these company responsible for injury as well. God is judging our nation for these senseless sacrificing of children.

Donna Phillips

Self

The Hills, TX

I asked that you pass this bill to prohibit the abortion to have free rain in Texas I pray you support this bill because it doesn't show favoritism on drugs and it doesn't allow the false reporting of deaths and adverse reactions not affording to other deadly drugs. I pray you do the right thing and support this bill. Thank you we are praying for you. Texas and Intercessors for America.

Lisa Healy
Self
Midlothian, TX

Hi, I support this bill because it will protect women and unborn babies. Please vote yes on this bill. Thank you for your consideration.

Anne Russey
Self
Katy, TX

Myself and my daughters have less rights now than I did growing up in this state. Please stop interfering and inserting yourselves into medical decisions that should remain between women, our families, and our doctors. Taking access away, or making medications harder to obtain does not serve anyone. It makes us less safe, and makes often heartbreaking and devastating medical experiences harder on women and our families. Please let HB 7 die in committee.

Evangeline Carpenter
self
New Braunfels, TX

I believe in protecting life. At the same time, I understand that this is not a black and white issue and treating it as such is disrespecting the Texans you “seek to serve”. It disrespects their pursuit of life, liberty, and happiness. It disrespects their ability to make life-saving medical decisions. It disrespects many children you’re wanting to be born and their quality of life that they likely won’t have because they’re being born to children under the age of 16, they’re being born into poverty that the state will not adequately support, they’re being born into a world without a mother because the birth is going to kill the one giving birth due to medical complications, etc.

I believe if you want to spend our tax dollars pushing these kinds of anti-life disguised as pro-life bills, first you must propose bills that are ACTUALLY pro-life. Help your fellow Texans. The unemployment rate has been skyrocketing and the ability of TWC to adequately support workers who have been laid off by the thousands at no fault of their own (I work in HR and witness these realities first-hand) has a tremendous impact on a parent’s ability to properly support their children as they search for a new job and stops people from wanting to become parents due to financial instability. Giving birth is EXPENSIVE. Making parents go into medical debt simply to give birth and make sure their child is healthy throughout pregnancy is one of the top barriers to life in the US. Education: our children are dying in their schools, many cannot afford to eat lunch and are punished for the poverty of their parents who did not abort their children (like you want), and are being forced biased rhetoric instead of academics that will challenge their intellectual capabilities—these realities show that our representatives and our state are not focused on the well-being of our children but on their own interests. A final barrier I’ll mention that would most support your pro-life agenda without having to criminalize procedures or medication that is saving lives of pregnant women would be to lower the cost of childcare. I’ve spoken to hundreds of Texas employees who either don’t want kids because they know they wouldn’t be able to afford childcare on top of all the other expenses of parenthood or those who are severely struggling because they can’t find safe, reliable care that doesn’t cost thousands per month.

If you really care about the future, safety, and access to life, happiness, and success of your fellow Texans, these are the issues you address as part of a pro-life agenda. Pushing against abortion with every ounce of strength you have is based on personal preference and ignores actionable strategies and opportunities that would positively impact millions and be a bi-partisan effort: the American Dream.

Alexis Patton
Self
SPRING, TX

This is a blatant misuse of power. Do not take away any more women's rights

Tracy Pennington, Mrs.
Self
Amarillo, TX

The abortion pill must be banned from coming into Texas!

Janet Bentley

Self, retired

Magnolia, TX

Abortion drugs should be illegal!

BILL KING

retired judge

Austin, TX

This is none of the government's business.

From a health standpoint, all girls and women should be able to access any scientifically and medical proven treatment for any condition they and their families want. End of argument.

From a legal standpoint, why is it not an equal protection violation for women's health to vary state by state but men's health is never affected?

From a religious standpoint, not all religions agree on the issues of contraception, abortion, or even when life begins. This bill forces all Americans to follow the belief system of fundamentalist Christians.

Just give it a rest; mind your own business.

Kelley Rumps

self

The Woodlands, TX

I am supportive

Charley Rejsek

self

Austin, TX

I am opposing House Bill 7. HB 7 will create a nationwide abortion bounty hunt, further isolating Texans who are seeking medical care and intimidate anyone who helps us. This bill interferes with Texan's personal freedom and right to access essential healthcare. It undermines abortion access for Texans already facing multiple barriers to healthcare. Please vote no on HB 7.

Bonnie Seelig

Retired Self

Spicewood, TX

Support HB 7 Leach

Stop the evasion of the Texas Law - No abortions in Texas. The abortion business can read and address label. There is no doubt about the delivery location. Neither should there be doubt about the repercussions.

Manuel Valdez

Self.

Austin, TX

Hello, my name is Manuel Valdez. The added trauma and fear that pregnant individuals are currently facing are forced to navigate an unnecessary fourth ban to get the care they need. People deserve to have access to safe abortion care without political interference. I urge you to listen to medical experts, not misinformation, and vote NO on HB 7. Thank you.

Mary Sl

self

ar, TX

We need to stop the manufacture of these abortion-inducing drugs. They are harmful and should not be on the market and definitely should not be sold online. As my representatives, I hope you will vote accordingly. If not, you will not get my vote or that of my friends.

David Wheeler

Self

AUSTIN, TX

I am in opposition to HB 7 and efforts to limit the agency of those who bear children. Nor do I support the efforts to delegate the powers of the state to private individuals who would seek to benefit from the pain and misery of those who are making a very difficult choice. A woman should have power over her own body, a power that should not be subject to the will of those who will not share in her suffering or provide the time, funds, or soul to help in the rearing of children.

A woman should have control of her body. Full stop.

This bill seeks to both restrict the ability of a person to control their own body, removing their ability to consent to this most basic right. It also empowers her enemies to attack her friends.

I have been present many times to hear women who have chosen or been forced by medical necessity to have abortions. They do not do so lightly. They do not do so without great personal pain. Not that it is the right of any here to decide whether or not a choice is valid or not in this area, but the suggestion that such is made without care or concern by a child bearer is a foul calumny.

To repeat, I oppose this deeply flawed bill and ask that you not move it from this committee.

Manuel Valdez

Self

Austin, TX

Hello, my name is [y/n]. The added trauma and fear that pregnant individuals are currently facing are forced to navigate an unnecessary fourth ban to get the care they need. People deserve to have access to safe abortion care without political interference. I urge you to listen to medical experts, not misinformation, and vote NO on HB 7. Thank you.

Caitlin Rybiski

Self. sales Manager

Austin, TX

This is not a bill that will help any Texans at all. This bill serves to keep women from care that can save their life. This bill is not pro-life, it is pro mass-surveillance, pro-criminalization, and pro-death. Porsha Ngumezi, Josseli Barnica, and 18 year old Nevaeh Crain have already died because of restrictive abortion access here in Texas. If you want to support pregnant mothers and want them to have more children, stop cutting funding to our health care, and increase funding for rural hospitals, child care, SNAP, and school lunches. Be truly pro-life.

Wendy Kalthoff

Self not employed.

Austin, TX

Please do not hurt people who are going the right thing for their families. People have personal reasons for getting abortions.

Tammy Fogle

Srlf

Abilene, TX

Please vote for this bill. Just because the abortion industry can pivot faster than the law, doesn't mean we can't address this through legal means. Please protect women and children by voting for this bill. As a citizen who works and has responsibilities in our community, I expect this to be just a significant to those who are listening as those who show up to protest. I'm not paid to come to Austin like many who show up. Do the right thing and pass this bill which should've been taken care of during regular session.

Roxanne Doelling

Self

McKinney, TX

I am deeply disturbed by further harmful legislation regarding abortion access. There have been multiple scientific studies regarding the safety of these drugs and repeatedly are found to be safe. Further more, they can be life saving for multiple instances and they are also used for other medical treatments besides abortion. Legislating healthcare has proven to be harmful to women and the current bans are literally resulting in permanent damage and even death to women. This will just do further harm. It is so obvious that this is being driven by ideology instead of scientific facts. I ask that this bill not be passed

Heather Bailey

Self

McKinney, TX

Ban the use of abortion pills-kills more babies overall

ROBBIN R. POLTER, Mrs.

Self

AUSTIN, TX

I am 63 years old. My mother was 18 when she had me in terrified you were taking us back to the 1950s Texas is unrecognizable. This is shameful. Listen to your constituents listen to the voters listen to the Texans that want choice.

Ginia Black, Ms.

Self, constituent

San Antonio, TX

To put it simply, I don't want you to steal emergency recourse from my daughter.

If she were in a situation where her pregnancy was a risk to her, and these pills were not available, but you had already banned abortion procedures in a hospital, then you would absolutely be complicit in murdering her.

I know so many women who desperately wanted the fetus they were growing, but some problem was detected that was "not compatible with life" and their doctors insisted upon ending the pregnancy to save the fetus from dying in pain. To save the mother from spending almost 10 months growing this child only to watch it die in minutes. Imagine that horror. Again, if you take away this recourse, you are guaranteed to be sentencing some women to go through that.

Please do not pass this bill.

Cindy Mingea, MD

Obstetrician

Austin, TX

I am an actively practicing obstetrician gynecologist in Austin since 1989. My patients need access to these safe medications and medical treatments for miscarriage and cervical ripening for labor. These are just two situations where medications reduce risks and complications for women who are not undergoing abortion. My patient population has become increasingly high risk over the years due to obesity, hypertension and diabetes. Maternal mortality is too high. Do not take away useful medications that help manage high risk situations for our pregnant women.

Laura Morgan
Self
Georgetown, TX

I oppose bill hb7 and urge you to vote no. I'm a woman, a mother, a homeschool parent, a board member of several non profits, and I refuse to stay quiet while my rights are further taken away simply because I have a uterus. This is not medically sound, and only holds weight because it is newsworthy. As a survivor of childhood sexual abuse who has had to have a medical abortion I urge you to vote no on this bill.

Lauren Bard
Self, Instructional Designer
Pflugerville, TX

I, a tax-paying, property-owning, law-abiding Texan residing in Pflugerville, support bodily autonomy for all and vehemently oppose attempts to restrict access to reproductive healthcare.

Andy Taylor
self father husband educator
Brownwood, TX

This bill does not have provision to punish the person who performs the murder of her own child. Addendum needs to be made for this!

Eliza Perez
Self
San Antonio, TX

My name is Eliza and I am opposing House Bill 7. HB 7 will create a nationwide abortion bounty hunt, further isolating Texans who are seeking medical care and intimidate anyone who helps us. This bill interferes with my personal freedom and right to access essential healthcare. It undermines abortion access for Texans already facing multiple barriers to healthcare.

I believe all people should be able to access the healthcare they need and want, whatever form that may take. All people should have the freedom to choose what happens to their own bodies, and feel safe to make these healthcare decisions without fear of backlash or legal repercussions.

This is yet another attempt to turn neighbors into spies, and it is deeply unpopular in our state. Texans have already rejected this approach in Amarillo. Voters voted down the targeting of neighbors who help others access abortion care because we see this for what it is: government overreach. We do not want to be punished for seeking care or see our loved ones sued for offering help. For years Texans have struggled to access even the most basic healthcare and the abortion ban has only worsened our quality of life. Maternal deaths in Texas have increased by 56%, sepsis rates have surged 50%, and infant mortality has increased by 13%. These are our lives and our loved ones in the heartbreaking statistics. At such a crucial moment, the state government should be doing anything but further criminalizing abortion care for Texans. For these reasons I oppose HB 7.

Zachary Maiberger
Self, eStore Lead at HEB
Friendswood, TX

While I believe abortion should be a woman's choice, more importantly, it medically is required sometimes. Some births can cause irreparable harm or kill the mother, baby, or both. If they don't have access to these drugs, you're telling these women who may not have chosen to get pregnant or been forced that they are also forced to carry to term even at their own expense. Please do not pass HB 7.

Alison Kafer
Self, professor
Austin, TX

My name is Alison Kafer and I live in Representative Talarico's district. I'm writing in opposition of HB7. Too many Texans have already died or suffered grave health consequences from Texas' total abortion ban. Instead of attacking medication abortion—and placing people in jeopardy through enhanced surveillance—please focus your attention on issues that really matter and that actually protect people's health. Use your power to make pregnancy safer for everyone, to make contraceptives affordable and accessible to those who want them, to make healthcare more affordable and accessible to everyone. Address the crisis of healthcare centers closing across the state. Plus, studies have shown that attacks on medication abortion actually make it more difficult for people to access needed medication for chronic health conditions, such as lupus and rheumatoid arthritis. Adding the threat of surveillance and litigation is only going to make this harder. Please stop attacking people's ability to make decisions about their own health. Please vote no and turn your attention to the REAL issues affecting Texans.

Lora Blackwell
Self
Austin, TX

Abortion restrictions so far in Texas have had a recorded negative impact on maternal health, an increase in sepsis cases and overall more dangerous conditions for Texans.

Moreover, fetal deaths have increased 13% in Texas since the 2021 law took effect making it dangerous and illegal to offer abortion care.

We oppose further restrictions on life saving maternal care, we know abortion is a constitutional right, though Roe has been overturned by a partisan Supreme Court. Vote against HB7 and any further restrictions on abortion access for Texans.

Rebekah Jensen

Self

Leander, TX

Chair, Members of the Committee,

I rise today in strong opposition to House Bill 7.

This bill is not just about medication. It is about power. It is about whether Texans will be allowed to make deeply personal health decisions, or whether politicians will stand in the exam room, in the pharmacy, and even across state lines, dictating what women can and cannot do with their bodies.

HB 7 bans the manufacturing and provision of abortion-inducing drugs in Texas. But it goes further. It claims jurisdiction over judgments from other states. It opens the door to bounty-hunting lawsuits through qui tam actions. In short, it doesn't just ban abortion pills—it criminalizes science, commerce, and compassion.

Medication abortion is one of the safest, most widely used forms of reproductive healthcare. The FDA has approved it for over 20 years. It is safer than Tylenol, safer than penicillin, safer than Viagra. And yet, under HB 7, Texans would face lawsuits, fines, and even criminal penalties simply for accessing standard, evidence-based medicine.

This is not about safety. This is about control.

HB 7 hurts Texans in very real ways:

Patients will be forced to travel hundreds of miles or risk criminalization. For many—especially rural, low-income, and minority women—this is an impossible barrier.

Doctors and pharmacists** will face threats of lawsuits for following medical evidence and patient needs.

Manufacturers and researchers will be discouraged from operating in Texas, stifling our state's medical innovation and business environment.

And because this bill extends to judgments outside Texas, it sets a dangerous precedent: Texas dictating what happens in other states. That is government overreach at its most extreme.

By authorizing private citizens to sue—essentially deputizing neighbors against neighbors—HB 7 revives the ugliest parts of Texas' SB 8 framework. It creates a culture of fear, suspicion, and harassment.

Ask yourselves: Do we want to live in a state where your coworker, your ex, or even a stranger can profit by policing your private medical decisions?

HB 7 is not only dangerous—it is legally reckless. It will face years of litigation, at enormous cost to Texas taxpayers. Courts across the country are already weighing the legality of abortion medication bans. Instead of respecting federal authority and medical science, HB 7 doubles down on chaos.

HB 7 does not protect life. It endangers it. By blocking safe medical care, women with ectopic pregnancies, miscarriages, or life-threatening complications will face delayed treatment, higher risks, and in some cases, preventable deaths.

This bill is not about protecting Texans. It is about punishing them.

If passed, HB 7 will:

Criminalize safe, evidence-based medicine.

Invite vigilante lawsuits.

Interfere with other states' sovereignty.

Endanger women's lives.

Members, history will remember how you vote. I urge you to reject HB 7.

Thank you.

Tomalea Bench, Mrs
Self
Huntsville, TX

Please ban mailed abortifacients. Females can be severely harmed by the use of these unregulated and unsafe methods.

Brittany Trinite
Self
Round Rock, TX

Medical providers are well informed on how to best provide care to their patients. Limiting their scope of practice is detrimental to those receiving care. Please oppose HB 7.

Gwen Rios
Self - hair designer
Cedar Hill, TX
Please pass

Teresa Kauffman
Self
Amarillo, TX

Abortion-inducing drugs need to be prohibited.

Betty Taylor, Mrs.
Self wife , mother , educator
Brownwood, TX

While this bill prohibits abortion inducing drugs , women who also murder their children with these drugs should also be held accountable with equal justice under the law .

Frances Strickland, Mrs.
Self
Canyon Lake, TX

Prohibit anti abortion drugs!

Michael Conti
Self
Austin, TX, TX

I urge you to vote no on HB7. Like most Texans, I oppose legislators continuing to spend their time finding additional ways to restrict access to reproductive health care. Since this has obviously not deterred the House and Senate majorities, I'll offer this: deputizing private citizens (including non-Texans!) as qui tam relators tasked with policing the private medical choices of individuals and how they are supported by their families, friends, and social networks is truly insidious. This wildly complicated bill will sow fear and confusion, emboldening bad actors to surveil anyone they think might score them a \$100,000 check. Doesn't the idea of medical bounty hunting strike you as dystopian? Perhaps a very irresponsible way to structure state law in the 21st century? Please vote no.

Caryn Moore
Self
Waxahachie, TX

I whole heartedly this bill to not mail out abortion pills.

Kara McCadden
Self
League City, TX

My name is Kara McCadden and I am asking that you please oppose this bill. This bill will harm women in this state in which we already have the some of the harshest bans on abortion. Prohibition never works. It's only going to cause women to seek other more dangerous ways of underground abortion. Women will die. On top of this, women will leave the state to access abortions elsewhere and this will only bolster the economies of our surrounding states, not our own. I am asking that you please act with empathy for those of us who require this life saving healthcare. It may not seem necessary to you, but women all over this state and world require access to choose the paths of our own lives. Thank you for your consideration.

Arielle Zertuche
Self
San Antonio, TX

The fact that it's 2025 and legislation still thinks they have a say in what a woman does with her own body is astonishing. Women seeking abortion do not make that decision lightly. It's a mentally and physically taxing decision. Made even more difficult by Texas's extremely strict legislations . Cutting off accessibility to safe abortions will not stop them from happing. Desperate women will seek out abortions by any means. Women will die, we've learned this before, history has shown us. Where there is a will, there is a way. If you what you want Texas women to die, HB 7 is the way to make that happen.

Leslie Hall
Self
Austin, TX

I oppose HB7. It is an over reaching bill that takes away from state's rights and prevents people from helping one another. Abortion is a necessary part of healthcare and women (and people with a uterus) should have the ability to control their own bodies and ask their community for help.

Lindsey Crow, Mrs
Self
Austin, TX

Please stop the Republican attack on women's rights and access to reasonable healthcare. We have come too way to go back to the dark days of unsafe healthcare with back room abortions, coat hangers, poisonous homemade remedies. Please end the attack on women's access to safe and lifesaving healthcare. Protect women's access to abortion pills.

Connie Stamps
Heart of Texas Conservatives
Waco, TX

I support HB7

Julie Kellogg
Self
Odessa, TX

These drugs are dangerous. They should not be manufactured or allowed in Texas. Women don't know the effects, and consequences of taking them. These should never be used as birth control, they are neither safe nor effective.

Alex E
Self
San Antonio, TX

My name is Alex and I am opposing House Bill 7. HB 7 will create a nationwide abortion bounty hunt, further isolating Texans who are seeking medical care and intimidate anyone who helps us. This bill interferes with my personal freedom and right to access essential healthcare. It undermines abortion access for Texans already facing multiple barriers to healthcare.

This is yet another attempt against our right to privacy, and it is deeply unpopular in our state. Texans have already rejected this approach in Amarillo. Voters voted down the targeting of neighbors who help others access abortion care because we see this for what it is: government overreach. We do not want to be punished for seeking care or see our loved ones sued for offering help. For years Texans have struggled to access even the most basic healthcare and the abortion ban has only worsened our quality of life. Maternal deaths in Texas have increased by 56%, sepsis rates have surged 50%, and infant mortality has increased by 13%. These are our lives and our loved ones in the heartbreaking statistics. At such a crucial moment, the state government should be doing anything but further criminalizing abortion care for Texans. For these reasons I oppose HB 7.

Becky Bullard
Self /Communications
Austin, TX

This bill would further exacerbate the healthcare crisis in this state. OB/GYNs are already discouraged from doing business in Texas due to our extreme laws (<https://www.texastribune.org/2024/10/08/Texas-obstetrics-gynecology-abortion-survey/>), and this would only worsen the problem. Maternal deaths in Texas have increased by 56%, sepsis rates have surged 50%, and infant mortality has increased by 13%. The more restrictions this legislature puts on our healthcare, the worse off we are.

Not only that, this is a vast overreach of state authority. Leave our medical decisions to us and our doctors. Do not pass HB7.

Kim Ihle
self
Pflugerville, TX

Leave us alone; you have no rights to our bodies or choices. Find a better way to spend our tax dollars.

Erin Williamson
Myself
Amarillo, TX

Don't give out abortion pills

Michael Solis
self
League City, TX

This bill should not be passed. It is an invitation for people in bad faith to make false claims for monetary gain. Vote against this bill.

Beatriz Menendez
True Texas Project
Houston, TX

I support the banning of sending abortion-inducing drugs being sent by the mail. This drug alter a woman's body and the child that is growing inside her which can and will need medical attention. We are risking the woman's health by not requiring her to get help in a clinical setting.

Todd Somodevilla

The electorate

Dallas, TX

I am a Texas taxpayer, and I urge the members of the House State Affairs Committee to oppose HB 7.

Tyler Vornberg

Self

Rockwall, TX

Hello. As a Texas resident, I request you do not move forward with this bill. Such a measure would further endanger pregnant Texans who already are being denied life-saving care. Abortions, as you may know, aren't just a tool to hit the cancel button on a pregnancy. After all, as you will hear plenty today I'm sure, abortions aren't just to terminate pregnancies, they're needed in cases where pregnancies go wrong. Could you imagine being pregnant - wait, sorry, you're a man - your wife being pregnant and having an emergency and her doctor says "sorry, we can't help her because it's illegal"? Cause that story is now the real story of plenty of people in Texas.

Of course, I'm sure that as a politician, you're not actually concerned about the policy, you're concerned about the politics. You want to feed a base hungry for hurting others, because the more you do, the more likely they'll vote for you, right? How many human lives is worth one vote? How many people are worth sacrificing to keep your job?

Be kind. Life is too hard to judge others.

Elaine Klein, Dr

Self

Houston, TX

I am a Texas taxpayer and parent to two girls. I urge the members of the House State Affairs Committee to oppose HB 7.

This bill does nothing to protect Texans. Instead, it would allow private citizens to sue anyone who helps a Texan access abortion pills—even if that care happens out of state. That includes friends, family, volunteers, and abortion funds.

HB 7 creates cash rewards for these lawsuits, encouraging harassment, political retaliation, and abuse. It also tries to override laws in other states where abortion is legal.

Regardless of your stance on abortion, this kind of legal overreach should concern everyone. If Texas can do this, what's stopping other states from doing the same for other types of care?

Texans are facing real crises. We need solutions—not more punishment.
Please vote NO on HB 7.

Peter Monie, Mr

Self

San Antonio, TX

I am against prohibitions on the manufacture of abortion-inducing drugs.

Iris Garcia
Self
Arlington, TX

I am a Texas resident, homeowner, and taxpayer and I urge the members of the House State Affairs Committee to oppose HB 7. This bill does nothing to protect Texans. Instead, it would allow private citizens to sue anyone who helps a Texan access abortion pills—even if that care happens out of state. That includes friends, family, volunteers, and abortion funds. HB 7 creates cash rewards for these lawsuits, encouraging harassment, political retaliation, and abuse. It also tries to override laws in other states where abortion is legal. Regardless of your stance on abortion, this kind of legal overreach should concern everyone. Texans' health care decisions should be private and not a matter of the law. Texans need more access to health care, not LESS. Texans are facing real crises. We need solutions—not more punishment. Please vote NO on HB 7.

Cyndie Davis
Self/ Educational Consultant
Belton, TX

Conservatives in Central Texas are counting on our legislators to honor God and pass this legislation. Too many babies have lost their lives- we need to protect the lives of the innocent pre-born children who may someday be the conservative voices in the Texas Legislature. And so that you know, we also support many private organizations who protect and nurture the mothers of these precious babies. Thank- you for voting for the conservative issues that will always be important to your constituents in Central Texas.

Nicole Ray, Mrs.
Self/ parent
Austin, TX

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Please vote NO on HB 7.

Anne Griffin
Isekg
Red Oak, TX

I strongly support this bill. Anne Griffin Ellis Co GOP PCT chair

Janet Lambert

self

Plano, TX

I am a woman, a Texan and a Taxpayer. I am ashamed of what's happening in Texas and what you're trying to do to women! Ruin their lives! Well, you can't! You will never force a woman to have a baby she can't support and take care of. Abortion is just a medical procedure! Men would never allow this control over their bodies. And the women that support this are sad and stupid. What Republicans are trying to do is the worst thing I could ever imagine. There are so many important issues in the world. Our planet is OVER POPULATED, with over 8 BILLION PEOPLE! Texas is running out of water, land, food and housing. How do you expect a woman to bring a baby into this world without going on public assistance, which I think, we would all like to avoid. If Republicans want to cut back Federal Funding, the first thing you should do, that makes any sense, is to provide Abortion access to all women needing it! Including Abortion pills, morning after pills, whatever it takes to not produce another mouth to feed! Back alley abortions will be on the rise, with more problems, caused by idiots who introduced this bill.

Sonja Harris

SAFA

Canyon Lake, TX

The abortion pill is a dangerous pill taken by women to abort their own baby. Not only does it kill a baby in the mother's womb it also harms the mother.

11% of women who take the abortion pill experience Sepsis, hemorrhaging, hospitalization or surgery and even death. This is not an acceptable outcome from taking this hazardous pill, MIFEPRISTONE, without any regulation.

This pill must be taken off the market or banned in Texas for the purpose of killing an unborn.

Mitzi Money

Self

Greenville,TX, TX

Texas needs to do all we can to save the lives of babies. We know now that many babies are dying due to the use of abortion-inducing drugs mailed into our state. Passage of this bill will reduce these deaths.

Randal Mayfield, Mr.

RRR/Retired

Iraan, TX

Please prohibit mail in abortion pills and protect all Female's rights and privacies according to assigned sex at birth.

Andra Haney

Self

Fair Oaks Ranch, TX

Please vote against this. Just because someone can order a drug to take from home home does not mean this is not something which could mean harm to the mother, or in some cases give her without her knowledge. Ban these abortion drugs.

Dana Rowe

Rowe and Rowe Real Estate

Midlothian, TX

Hello, my name is Dana Rowe and I live in Midlothian Texas and my zip code is 76065 I'm writing to urge [Representative Hall to OPPOSE House Bill 7.

Ash Ervine, N/A

Self

Del Valle, TX

Hello, my name is Ash Ervine , a constituent in 78617 Travis County. I'm urging you to vote NO on HB 7, the anti-medication abortion bill.

This is the fourth abortion bill that has been placed on Texans, while no bill has been pushed to fix the power grid or provide flood relief. Fix gun violence that we've experienced or even truly separate Church and State. This bill would let strangers interfere in someone's private medical decisions. It would force pregnant people into dangerous situations, isolate them from support, and create devastating legal risks for doctors, family members, and even friends who try to help. This is our friends, family, neighbors, providers, and anyone in and out of state!

As a reminder, SB 31 was recently passed to protect Texas providers, and this would sow confusion amongst physicians trying to provide life-saving abortion care. Unacceptable! The decision to end a pregnancy is complex and personal. It should be made by the pregnant individual and their provider and support, free from government overreach. I urge you to vote NO on HB 7.

Please protect our communities and reject this dangerous bill. This bill and others like threaten people's right to privacy and also is a way to take autonomy from people.

Allyson Garro

Self, small business owner

Austin, TX

This is another attack on women's healthcare. By removing access to abortion-inducing drugs, Texas women lose their right to bodily autonomy and to be able to make choices based on their health, and safety. Women's fatality rates are rising, and there is a direct correlation to the bans on abortion from this governing body that wants to regulate everything but the power grid.

Bettie Gray

self-

WAXAHACHIE, TX

I support this bill.

Sharon Tryon, Mrs

Self

Waxahachie, TX

I am in support of this bill

Dana Rowe

Rowe and Rowe Real Est

Midlothian, TX

Hello, my name is Dana Rowe and I live in Midlothian], Texas and my zip code is 76065]. I'm calling to urge [Representative Bardwell to OPPOSE House Bill 7.

Lindsey Peavler

Self

Austin, TX

I'm writing to express my firm opposition to SB 7 and any other efforts to restrict access to medication abortion, such as mifepristone and misoprostol. SB 7 seeks to completely cut off access to medication abortion from inside and outside of Texas and isolate pregnant Texans from anyone who can help them. This is the fourth abortion ban that our lawmakers are pushing for instead of what Texans need. People deserve to have access to safe abortion care without political interference. I urge you to listen to medical experts, not misinformation, and vote NO on SB 7. Thank you.

Ginger Holly, RN
Myself
The Woodlands, TX

Please vote no. This is not necessary. It puts many entities in jeopardy and will cost lives.

Darl Easton
Self
Euless, TX

It is a scientific fact that human life begins at conception. Using any abortion-inducing drug results in the death of the unborn child. The only rare exception would be if the pregnancy was a serious threat to the life of the mother as determined by competent medical tests and medical doctors.

Deborah Ortega, Ms.
True Texas Project
Fort Worth, TX

HB7 - I do not support Abortion inducing drugs including the manufacturing & provision of those drugs & protection from certain counter actions.

Shannon Schoepflin
self
Austin, TX

As a voting constituent of Austin, Texas I am AGAINST HB 7.

Lorie Marvin, Mrs.
Self&Girls
McGregor, TX

Please pass HB 7 as this state should morally have an interest in protecting the lives of unborn Texas children & the health and welfare of every woman considering a drug-induced abortion, considering Mifeprex or Mifepristone presenting significant medical complications including, but not limited to, uterine hemorrhage, viral infections, etc the failure rate and risk of complications increasing with advancing gestational age. Quoting the paper cited below, "While most legal shield laws purport to protect women seeking 'reproductive health care,' their real purpose is to promote, increase, and shield anyone involved with abortion— particularly today's dominant method, chemical abortion—from criminal, civil, or professional liability. This paper discusses how abortionist legal shields encourage unregulated abortion tourism (Section I), inhibit state-to-state cooperation in civil and criminal investigations as abortionist legal shields "threaten basic principles of comity between states, possibly resulting in the breakdown of state-to-state relations and ultimately retaliation" (Section II), and permit abortionists to prescribe and ship drugs to women and girls living in states where they are not licensed, thereby violating locale-of-care medical standards, for "shifting the locale of care is a significant departure from the standard of care, provisions of state medical practice acts, and the guidance of professional organizations."(Section III): <https://lozierinstitute.org/abortion-shield-laws-pro-abortion-states-look-to-force-abortion-on-life-affirming-states/> As that cited paper states, "In other words, promoting abortion is more important to both authors and the states that have adopted their recommendations than the bedrock constitutional principle of Full Faith and Credit (see Section II) and the established medical standard that the locale of care is where the patient is located (see Section III)." Thank you for considering your 'grave' duty toward others in order to protect them from unnecessary risk of harm.

Kathryn Farries
Self
The Woodlands, TX
I support this bill

Ginger Holly, RN
Myself
The Woodlands, TX

Please vote no. Not necessary. Trans persons are not a problem to me or my children or my grandchildren. Other more pressing issues exist.

Gloria McDonald
Denton County Conservative Coalition
Bartonville, TX

D3C strongly supports this bill. Abortion inducing drugs not only cause the death of an unborn baby but it extremely dangerous for the mother.

David St Martin
Self
Aledo, TX

I support this bill 100%, and ask that you support it without weakening.

Sylvia Coulson
self dietitian
Waxahachie, TX

I support this bill

Barbara Peters, Mrs
Self-Mother, Grandmother, Nanny
Austin, TX

Judicial directives outside of Texas shouldn't be allowed. Manufacturing and distribution should be prohibited. Evidence indicates these killer drugs end up in the hands of minors. The unborn are human beings. This type drug ends the life of the baby and in too many cases the Mother. No law should be considered other than Texas law.

Sylvia Campbell
self
The Woodlands, TX

Dear Committee Members,
This dangerous bill will prevent physicians from providing the best medical care to patients. These drugs and used in many situations when the life of a mother is in danger. Please vote no on HB 7.
Thank you,
Sylvia Campbell

Melody Espinoza
SELF
Houston, TX

Please vote AGAINST limiting abortion-inducing drugs. I am a moderate Conservative as most women in Texas are when it comes to abortion and making child bearing decisions. The only thing you all should do is make sure its SAFE! Aside from that, NONE of you should be denying a woman access to medications because your morals or religious beliefs that should not interfere with the GOD Given RIGHT of a Woman! Even God allows us to choose good and evil by religious standards. You all are NOT GOD!

Sarah Hansen
Self
San Antonio, TX

Creating a fourth abortion ban for Texans who need the ability to plan what's best for them and their family is cruel. Creating causes of action by private citizens with bounties up to \$100,000 is cruel and contrary to what Texans believe. It isn't very friendly to financially motivate family, friends, and neighbors to sue each other for financial gain when the plaintiff has no relation to the defendant nor standing to bring a claim. Mandating venue requirements is clearly due to politicized judiciary appointments and intention to politicize healthcare. Texas does not have the ability to restrict interstate commerce and force state law on any entity with insufficient contacts to the State. This is extreme governmental overreach and an insult to Texas women and families. We deserve better. Please spend your time trying to help Texans, especially those impacted by recent tragedies, instead of further criminalizing women.

Amy Bei
Self / Homemaker
Southlake, TX

I, a Texas resident, strongly support the prohibition of abortion-inducing drugs in the state of Texas and throughout the United States. Please protect the rights of unborn children, who are human beings fully created in the image of God and protected by the right to life like those of us living. Thank you for your work to pass this bill.

Shelby Evans
Self
Austin, TX

People are dying. This bill is an invasion of privacy, undermines public health, and will hurt Texans further. We told you we want access to healthcare, we demanded basic personal liberties, and you responded by signing death certificates for the most vulnerable among us. Stop suffocating what limited medical access we have. Leave Texans and their reproductive parts ALONE.

Erika Browning
self, Real Estate Broker
Duncanville, TX

I am in favor of this bill.

Cristian Garcia Pecina
Self
Buda, TX

Hello,

My name is Cristian A. Garcia Pecina, a constituent of Texas. I am urging you to vote NO on HB 7, the anti-medication abortion bill, and any other efforts to restrict access to medication abortion, such as mifepristone and misoprostol. SB 7 seeks to completely cut off access to medication abortion from inside and outside of Texas and isolate pregnant Texans from anyone who can help them.

The bill would let strangers interfere in someone's private medical decisions.

Donna Kalstein
Self peacemaker
Victoria, TX

boys nor men nor medically transformed men belong in our bathrooms because they are not real females!! I'm going to be 64 in a few days and was born, raised and served our country for all of our rights and freedoms but in no shape or form did my daddy or any of us fight for this sick perversion!! Stop and decessate this hate of those who want to be the opposite sex than how they where developed naturally!! Sodom and Gomorrah were the same!!

Katharine Taylor

Self

Weatherford, TX

I write today in strong opposition to SB 7 and any additional restrictions on mifepristone. This medication is one of the safest and most widely studied drugs in the world, and it is essential for miscarriage management, treating life-threatening complications, and preventing sepsis and hemorrhage. Restricting or criminalizing its use does not eliminate medical need — it only ensures more Texans will face dangerous delays, be forced to leave the state in crisis, or lose their lives.

The abortion bans already in effect have created a climate of fear among providers. Doctors report they cannot provide the care they were trained to give without risking lawsuits or criminal charges. As a result, women experiencing miscarriages are being denied treatment until they are gravely ill, fertility care is being withheld, and even prescriptions for post-partum hemorrhage are refused. These harms are not theoretical — they are happening in Texas hospitals and clinics every day.

Further restricting mifepristone would make this crisis worse. Since 2021, maternal deaths in Texas have risen by 56%, infant mortality has spiked, and sepsis rates from pregnancy loss are climbing. These numbers represent mothers, daughters, and neighbors who should still be alive.

SB 7 is not a healthcare bill — it is an ideological attack that endangers lives and drives doctors out of Texas. Lawmakers should reject this bill and commit instead to protecting access to evidence-based medicine and ensuring Texans receive safe, timely, and compassionate care.

Julie McCarty

True Texas Project

Grapevine, TX

In spite of how loud or obnoxious or insistent the Left may be about this bill, I urge you to pass it. God cannot bless those that are guilty of spilling innocent blood. There is no issue more fundamental to a healthy Texas than this.

Elizabeth Pirkey

Self

Arlington, TX

I am extremely embarrassed by the ignorance of our legislators! Women in Texas are being denied basic healthcare when it comes to pregnancy. I am past the age of having children but remember how DESPERATELY we wanted a child. I had 2 miscarriages and another pregnancy that wasn't viable before I was blessed with a daughter. I have a friend whose daughter was pregnant with her first child. They were so excited until she started to miscarry. The doctor was afraid to perform a D&C. He wanted her to "naturally" lose the baby. He is finally having to medically take care of her since the "natural" way wasn't working. She is a school teacher and has had to miss the first two weeks of school! The pain and suffering has been heartbreaking. Please give women back our rights to healthcare!

Kathy Turner

self, Retired

McGregor, TX

I support this bill. Please advance it out of committee and to calendars for placement on the House Floor.

Debra Brooks

Self retired

San Antonio, TX

Do not let that pill in our State. It is unsafe and is still murder. Women deserve better. Thank you.

Rosie Gonzalez

Self

Harlingen, TX

Please support this bill and keep the lawbreakers accountable for trafficking, these lethal drugs, killing women and babies, families and future generations.

Kristin Browning

Self

Montgomery, TX

Further restrictions on women's healthcare will not only endanger women, but also subject them and their innocent children to undue suffering and emotional, physical, and mental turmoil. This issue is not black and white, and women who have already suffered under existing restrictions deserve a voice. Hearing these stories will open your eyes to reality and bring to light the truth of the irreparable harm this rhetoric causes.

Samantha Caplan

self

Austin, TX

I am Samantha Caplan, a 14 year resident of Austin, TX, and I'm writing to express my firm opposition to SB 7 and any other efforts to restrict access to medication abortion, such as mifepristone and misoprostol. SB 7 seeks to completely cut off access to medication abortion from inside and outside of Texas and isolate pregnant Texans from anyone who can help them. This is the fourth abortion ban that our lawmakers are pushing for instead of what Texans need. Allow women the body autonomy we deserve and stop forcing policies in areas you don't belong. Focus on supporting and providing access to critical resources and infrastructure and stop wasting time and tax payer money attempting to control.

Nisha Abraham, Ms

Self

Austin, TX

I am Nisha Abraham and I'm writing to express my firm opposition to SB 7 and any other efforts to restrict access to medication abortion, such as mifepristone and misoprostol. SB 7 seeks to completely cut off access to medication abortion from inside and outside of Texas and isolate pregnant Texans from anyone who can help them. This is the fourth abortion ban that our lawmakers are pushing for instead of what Texans need.

Hello, my name is [y/n]. The added trauma and fear that pregnant individuals are currently facing are forced to navigate an unnecessary fourth ban to get the care they need. People deserve to have access to safe abortion care without political interference. I urge you to listen to medical experts, not misinformation, and vote NO on SB 7. Thank you.

Jane Milligan

Self

New Caney, TX

Abortion drugs are deadly. No abortion murder pills

Gloria Robles, Mrs.

"self" Writer

San Antonio, TX

Rep. Leach,

All life is precious and has value, and should be protected, including the preborn in the womb. Please pass the Women and Child Protection Act and save the lives of millions of babies that are terminated every year in Texas, and the lives of mothers who are affected by chemical abortions. These women have to deal with the physical and emotional trauma and aftermath alone, with no help. Where is the concern for these women then? In June 2022, when Texas outlawed abortion, that should have been the end, and yet other states and "activists" use shield laws to break the law in Texas. Where is the outcry against these lawbreakers? I'm aware that these types of bills never make it to the House. You are being presented with an opportunity to correct this wrong that should never have occurred in the first place. I pray that you will be bold and courageous in the face of opposers. Pass HB 7 and protect women from exploiters and liars who make chemical abortions seem harmless. Pass HB7 and bring justice to those who hide in different states, target women, and have no respect for Texas law. Choose life for the preborn and women in Texas everywhere. Choosing life will also bestow the blessings of God over Texas. Thank you.

Megan Bond

Self

Aledo, TX

I strongly oppose this bill. This bill restricts a woman's basic rights to healthcare, including safe miscarriage management. Maternity deaths have increased significantly with the restriction to access to reproductive health care for women. Under the abortion bans we're already living under, Texans experiencing pregnancy loss and medical emergencies are being denied treatment, delayed care, forced to leave the state, and in some cases, are dying. SB 7 would make that even worse. This special session was called to protect Texans and instead is creating more problems that would increase the number of deaths for Texans. This special session needs to focus on the real problems for Texan's safety. Just like SB 2880, SB 7 is designed to block people from challenging it in court — by forcing all cases into one hand-picked appellate court and banning key legal defenses. This bill is increasing the draconian restrictions for women's health care in Texas, and will continue to see more lives lost when they could be saved.

Robert Gonzalez

SAFA

San Antonio, TX

These are unsafe drugs and have been used by nefarious individuals to deprive Texas women of their choice to keep their baby by having their drinks/food spiked resulting in the death of the unborn child and grave physical/psychological harm to the mother.

Betty Daugherty, MS

self /retired

The Woodlands, TX

Please vote against this bill. This is a right of women to manage their health and reproduction issues.

Michele W Missner, Mrs

Ncjw

Austin, TX

Abortion pills are very safe and must be taken early in a pregnancy. This is practically the only kind of abortion that women can get in Texas. Texas has extremely high number of maternal mortality and infant mortality because of its law restricting abortion. I think the state should mind its own damn business regarding abortion pill. This mediatio

Krittika Krishnan

Self

Austin, TX

I am strongly opposed to HB7. It is an assault on reproductive freedom and medical autonomy. It illegally expands Texas' state power at the expense of personal freedoms and healthcare decisions. The bill authorizes and empowers private individuals to sue those involved in abortion-inducing drug, creating a perverse incentive system encouraging neighbors to survey and litigate against each other, rather than foster empathy, community or support. This is going to create a hostile environment for both patients and healthcare providers, and create a shortage of healthcare providers in our already bereft state. Restrictions like this disproportionately burden low-income and rural folks—those who may lack timely access to clinics or resources to travel. HB7 deepens healthcare inequity by further isolating vulnerable Texans from essential reproductive services. At a time when Texans have more urgent needs—like flood response and disaster recovery—your committee is rushing to restrict abortion access, a clearly misplaced priority. Lawmakers should focus on infrastructure, climate resilience, and public safety, not penalizing Texans for seeking healthcare that should remain private.

Please prioritize Texans and focus on climate and infrastructure for our state, not punishing people for their medical decisions.

Marilyn Gresham

True Texas Project

Fort Worth, TX

Please please pass this legislation

Drew Teague

Self

San Antonio, TX

My name is Drew and I am opposing House Bill 7. HB 7 will create a nationwide abortion bounty hunt, further isolating Texans who are seeking medical care and intimidate anyone who helps us. This bill interferes with my personal freedom and right to access essential healthcare. It undermines abortion access for Texans already facing multiple barriers to healthcare.

As a nurse, I strongly believe in and advocate for bodily autonomy. Even if its not the decision I would personally make, every person should have the right to decide what is best for themselves and their body.

This is yet another attempt to turn neighbors into spies, and it is deeply unpopular in our state. Texans have already rejected this approach in Amarillo. Voters voted down the targeting of neighbors who help others access abortion care because we see this for what it is: government overreach. We do not want to be punished for seeking care or see our loved ones sued for offering help.

For years Texans have struggled to access even the most basic healthcare and the abortion ban has only worsened our quality of life. Maternal deaths in Texas have increased by 56%, sepsis rates have surged 50%, and infant mortality has increased by 13%. These are our lives and our loved ones in the heartbreaking statistics. At such a crucial moment, the state government should be doing anything but further criminalizing abortion care for Texans. For these reasons I oppose HB 7.

Kimberly Mull

Self

San Angelo, TX

Dear Representatives,

I strongly encourage you to Protect not only unborn Texans but especially the women and families in crisis pregnancies in Texas.

Abortion pills that are mailed into our state without proper medical supervision puts women at risk physically, in addition to the mental risk.

I appreciate your efforts to make Texas safer and stronger

Gaylon George, Mr.

True Texas Project, The Heritage Foundation and Self

Leander, TX

Texas has passed law(s) to prevent abortion in the state of Texas. Third party organizations and pharmaceuticals are breaking those laws by mailing abortion-inducing pills into the state from out of state. This must be prohibited and even more, punishable by statute. Please make the right vote by voting YES on HB 7 to put teeth into our laws and punish those who violate it. Thank you for your consideration.

Nancy Hathaway

Self

The Woodlands, TX

Please vote NO on this bill. To criminalize the use of such drugs is to ignore their roll in protecting women whose health—and possibly their lives—are in endangered by ectopic pregnancies. Please do not force doctors and nurses to deny aid because they fear their own medical practice could be jeopardized if they treat women in need of their expertise and help.

Walker Fischer

self/ student

Austin, TX

Reducing access to abortion care is not about saving lives. It is about controlling and reducing women's rights to do what they want with their bodies. This bill will make it increasingly difficult for women to get the care they need. Texans deserve safe abortion care without constant interference from the government. Vote no on HB7. Thank you.

Taylor Fox

Self

Austin, TX

If you have a problem with women turning to risky abortion medication on their own, lift the abortion ban so pregnant folks can get proper medical care! It's that simple.

Simon Marquis

Self, student

Commerce, TX

Restriction of life-saving healthcare due to a bill restricting manufacture and provision of various contraceptives, abortion-inducing drugs, and restrictions on women's bodily autonomy are, by all constitutional rights, unlawful. Passing bills to remove the rights of women to abortion will lead to increasingly dangerous or elaborate workarounds for the desperate and an increase in adoption opportunities for the party who seems to care only for the fetus and not the child.

Paul Kroschewsky

Self

Pflugerville, TX

My wife, Laura and I have been married 44 years and have three children and 8 grandchildren. We firmly believe that Texas laws prohibiting abortion on demand should be upheld and that chemical abortions should be included in that prohibition. Chemical abortion is just as wrong as surgical abortion and the rights of the unborn child must be protected by state law.

I urge you to pass House Bill 7, the Woman and Child Protection Act. I strongly believe that every life deserves to be protected, from fertilization to natural death. However, even with our current Pro-Life laws, tens of thousands of abortion pills are mailed into our state each year, killing preborn babies. Texans need more tools to bring about justice for abortionists and activists who send deadly drugs to our communities. Please quickly advance HB 7 through the committee, so Pro-Life citizens can save preborn children and defend their mothers from abortion pills. Thank you.

Laura Boas

Self, physical therapist

Austin, TX

I oppose the government interfering in my decisions made in consultation with my physician, and my ability to make choices that are best for my particular health situation. I also consider this to be the establishment of state religion, which is forbidden under the US Constitution and one of the founding tenets of our nation. This bill amounts to religious persecution, and poor health care policy.

Amanda Olsen

Self

Goldthwaite, TX

I am writing as a concerned constituent from Goldthwaite to express my strong opposition to House Bill 77, filed on August 20, 2025, and currently pending a public hearing before the House State Affairs Committee on August 22, 2025. This bill imposes sweeping restrictions on abortion-inducing drugs, such as mifepristone and misoprostol, by prohibiting manufacturing, distribution, mailing, prescribing, or even providing information about them—even from individuals or entities outside Texas—if the “effect” occurs within the state. The measure also authorizes qui tam actions, which means private individuals would be empowered to sue violators for significant damages (\$100,000 or more), even if the provider is out of state. Key concerns:

- **Chilling effect on critical medical care:** These drugs are not just used for elective abortion. They are vital for treating miscarriages and life-threatening postpartum hemorrhages—medical scenarios where timely care is essential to save lives. Restricting access threatens women’s health and can exacerbate emergency situations.
- **Legal overreach and erosion of rights:** HB 77 broadly strips away legal protections like the Texas Citizens Participation Act and the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, undermining free speech and religious liberty. It also limits judicial review by funneling cases into a court structure designed to insulate enforcement from meaningful challenge. Burden on the court system and everyday Texans: The bill creates a flood of private lawsuits—often targeting not just manufacturers but individuals like friends, family members, or roommates who might assist someone seeking care. This is an enormous strain on our judicial system and risks punishing compassionate, ordinary Texans.
- **Misplaced priorities at the expense of public health:** With Texas already experiencing one of the highest maternal mortality rates in the nation—and rising—policies that threaten access to life-saving medicine are especially irresponsible. I urge you to OPPOSE HB 77. Rather than advancing health and welfare, this legislation risks criminalizing healthcare, empowering vigilante suits, eroding fundamental legal protections, and endangering women’s safety.

Thank you for your time and for your attention to this critical matter. I hope you will ensure that this bill does not proceed.

Linda Schlueter
Trinity Legal Center
San Antonio, TX

Trinity Legal Center is a nonprofit, public interest litigation and legislation support center. As President and attorney for Trinity Legal Center, I have reviewed the scientific evidence concerning Mifepristone and am concerned about its safety. But beyond the scientific evidence, I have represented women and families harmed by the drug before the United States Supreme Court. Their Affidavit testimony has been heart breaking for not only the immediate harmful consequences that they have suffered but the life-long effects that it has had on them, their families, and future their pregnancies. Because of this experience, Trinity Legal Center supports HB 7.

There are numerous reasons that Mifepristone by mail is dangerous for women. First – circumventing pro-life laws. States have enacted pro-life legislation. To circumvent these laws, abortion advocates want to send these dangerous drugs through the mail but are risking women’s health in the process.

Second – underestimating and misdiagnosing – Two serious problems include underestimating the baby’s gestational age and an undiagnosed ectopic pregnancy. Misdiagnosis of an ectopic pregnancy is 30% more likely to die when ruptured.

Third – lack of adequate medical care and supervision. The rate of abortion pill-related emergency room visits has increased 500% since Mifepristone was approved. Because there is a lack of supervision and medical care when the pills are by mail, women are forced to go to the emergency room for care as a result of the negative adverse physical effects such as sepsis, infection, and hemorrhaging.

Fourth – incomplete or ineffective abortion. Incorrect dosage or unverified medications can lead to an incomplete abortion requiring further treatment such as surgery and emergency room care.

Fifth - no data or testing concerning safety of Mifepristone by mail. These pills were only tested in-person, and therefore, there is no data regarding the safety for those taking them at home without medical supervision.

Sixth – unverified medications. Women may not receive an FDA approved abortion pill. When a woman receives the abortion pill by mail, there is no guarantee that the pills meet FDA standards. In fact, the pills might come from a foreign country where the FDA cannot monitor the ingredients or process used. For example, on March 8, 2019, the FDA issued a warning letter to immediately stop introducing these violative drugs into U.S. commerce. Aidaccess was mailing their version which was misbranded and unapproved.

Seventh – lack of follow-up care and support. Because she is administering the pills without medical supervision, she is without the necessary follow-up when she experiences the negative adverse effects.

Considering the problems of receiving Mifepristone by mail, the Texas Legislature should enact HB 7 to protect women. Trinity Legal Center is a nonprofit, public interest litigation and legislation support center. As President a

Elizabeth Boas
Self
Austin, TX

"Don't Tread on Me" used to be one of Texas' bywords. Don't assume you have the right to tell me what to do. Try something like this out in West Texas and see how it flies.

margaret stenz, dr.
self
Austin, TX
OPPOSE

Russell Mirabelli
self
Grand Prairie, TX

Why would you care about abortion if you don't even care about the kid once they are beyond the womb? You defund our schools, our healthcare, sap public services, and pollute our environment, but you want to "protect" kids. The government should not have jurisdiction between a woman and their doctor. They should be able to make the best decision for themselves, including life saving abortion.

Melissa Davis
Self
Austin, TX

I oppose House Bill 7. HB 7 will create a nationwide abortion bounty hunt, further isolating Texans who are seeking medical care and intimidate anyone who helps us. This bill interferes with my personal freedom and right to access essential healthcare. It undermines abortion access for Texans already facing multiple barriers to healthcare.

For years Texans have struggled to access even the most basic healthcare and the abortion ban has only worsened our quality of life. Maternal deaths in Texas have increased by 56%, sepsis rates have surged 50%, and infant mortality has increased by 13%. These are our lives and our loved ones in the heartbreaking statistics. At such a crucial moment, the state government should be doing anything but further criminalizing abortion care for Texans. For these reasons I oppose HB 7.

Harli Dollinger
self Horse Business Owner
Fort Worth, TX

What if your beloved 15/16 year old daughter / grand daughter who had so much potential was pregnant? What if the father was an unemployed and uneducated 20 yr old with no means of support? Passing this bill, you have just doomed your loved one to an altered future of teenage pregnancy and motherhood. Imagine yourself raising your grand child and having to explain it to your friends and colleagues that your sweet beloved 15/16 yr old had unprotected sex? Without the drugs in question, would you instead secretly find and pay a doctor willing to perform a surgical abortion? Or would you feel righteous publicly shaming her? Turn your back and throw her out? Force her go through to full term and force her to give the baby up for adoption? Or how about your 48 year old wife who has breast cancer, or another weakening illness and finds herself pregnant? what gives you the right to direct their futures? Their lives? I am not supporting late term abortions unless the lives of the mothers are in danger, i am supporting the ability for very early implantation prevention and the ability for choice and common sense and compassion.

Rebecca Summers
Self
Austin, TX

My name is Rebecca Summers and I'm writing to express my firm opposition to HB 7 and any other efforts to restrict access to medication abortion, such as mifepristone and misoprostol. HB 7 seeks to completely cut off access to medication abortion from inside and outside of Texas and isolate pregnant Texans from anyone who can help them. This is the fourth abortion ban that our lawmakers are pushing for instead of what Texans need.

The added trauma and fear that pregnant individuals are currently facing are forced to navigate an unnecessary fourth ban to get the care they need. People deserve to have access to safe abortion care without political interference. As someone with an inherited genetic abnormality that made conception of a viable pregnancy a low statistic I needed access to these life saving medications and know many woman actively trying to convince that also require this. Do not make something that is already so hard and heartbreaking for many actively more heartbreaking and possibly life threatening without access to this safe and tested medication. Have some care for the women literally keeping humanity going.

I urge you to listen to medical experts, not misinformation, and vote NO on HB 7. Thank you.

Darcie Skrzycki
Self
San Antonio, TX

I am writing to voice my strongest opposition to any policy that seeks to ban or restrict reproductive healthcare for women. Such actions are not only medically unsound—they are profoundly harmful, discriminatory, and a violation of fundamental human rights.

Reproductive healthcare encompasses contraception, abortion, prenatal and postnatal care, fertility treatment, and maternal health services. To ban these services is to endanger lives. The United States already suffers from one of the highest maternal mortality rates in the developed world, and women of color and low-income women face disproportionate risks. Denying them comprehensive care will only increase these tragedies. History and data show the truth: banning reproductive healthcare does not eliminate the need for it—it only drives women into unsafe and often deadly alternatives.

Every major medical association, including the American Medical Association and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, has affirmed that access to reproductive healthcare is essential. Politicians inserting themselves into medical decision-making forces doctors into impossible situations where their duty to save lives collides with fear of prosecution. The result is delayed care, worsening health outcomes, and preventable deaths.

Bans also deepen systemic inequities. Women of color, rural women, and those living in poverty will be the most harmed, stripped of the ability to make personal medical decisions. This perpetuates cycles of poverty and inequality, while denying women autonomy over their own bodies.

Furthermore, these bans erode civil liberties and public trust. Government overreach into private healthcare decisions undermines the constitutional principles of liberty and equality. The majority of Americans support access to reproductive care, and yet these policies force a narrow ideology onto an entire population.

The consequences will be far-reaching: higher mortality rates, strained healthcare systems, increased poverty, and a legacy of state-sanctioned harm. As policymakers, you bear the responsibility to protect your constituents' health and uphold their rights. To support or enact bans on reproductive care is to knowingly endanger women, destabilize families, and disregard medical expertise.

I urge you to reject these harmful efforts. Protect the rights, dignity, and safety of women in your state. Protect the integrity of medicine. Protect lives. History will not look kindly on those who chose control and coercion over compassion and care.

Antonio Ward
self, IT
Buda, TX

Prohibition really worked out for those other drugs, I'm sure this won't make these drugs that much more dangerous and unregulated. Ah well, we must have a puritan society I suppose, in the land of the free and the home of the Whopper.

Maximus Santoyo
Self
San Marcos, TX

We do not need to further harm women in search of help. Texans don't want this bill.

Ariana Rodriguez

Jane's due process

San Antonio, TX

My name is ariana and I am opposing House Bill 7. HB 7 will create a nationwide abortion bounty hunt, further isolating Texans who are seeking medical care and intimidate anyone who helps us. This bill interferes with my personal freedom and right to access essential healthcare. It undermines abortion access for Texans already facing multiple barriers to healthcare.

Politicians are not doctors and should not get to decide if people can abortion medicine, that is overwhelming safe.

This is yet another attempt to turn neighbors into spies, and it is deeply unpopular in our state. Texans have already rejected this approach in Amarillo. Voters voted down the targeting of neighbors who help others access abortion care because we see this for what it is: government overreach. We do not want to be punished for seeking care or see our loved ones sued for offering help.

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Janice Byth

Self

Houston, TX

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Limiting access to abortion only makes for worse outcomes for families as a whole.

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Jamie Hash

Self

Austin, TX

Chair, Members of the Committee,

I am here to speak against HB 7. This bill is not about protecting Texans. It is about expanding government power into the most private and personal areas of our lives.

HB 7 would give private citizens the power to bring lawsuits, essentially deputizing neighbors to police one another's healthcare decisions. This is government overreach at its worst. It tells Texans that the state, not individuals, should decide their most intimate medical choices. It threatens to turn everyday people into informants, weaponizing the law against their fellow Texas citizens. It is a recipe for fear, harassment, and endless litigation.

Meanwhile, Texans are facing very real problems that demand leadership. Our power grid is still unreliable in the face of extreme heat and cold. Floods and storms are devastating communities across Central Texas. Families are struggling with crushing property taxes, skyrocketing housing costs, and rural hospital closures. Teachers are leaving classrooms because they don't have the support they need. These are the issues that actually affect the safety and survival of Texans.

Instead of solving them, this legislature is wasting precious time and taxpayer dollars to strip away personal freedoms and pit Texans against each other.

HB 7 is not about health or safety. It is about control. It replaces freedom with fear, and it tells Texans that their most personal decisions are subject to political gamesmanship.

I urge you to reject HB 7 and return to the work Texans expect of you—strengthening our communities, protecting our infrastructure, and expanding opportunity for every family in this state.

Thank you.

Rhonda Denman

Retired/Family Therapist

Kemp, TX

I most definitely support HB7 AND THE PROTECTION OF LIFE!

Jessica Salinas

Self, Montessori teacher

Austin, TX

I am against any legislation that seeks to interfere with the right to abortion.

Lucy Corral

Self / Land Developer

Galveston, TX

I absolutely opposed further restrictions to the right of a woman to choose. If anything the current prohibitions should be abolished

Sarah Gray

Self

Austin, TX

I oppose HB 7. This is a huge overreach and bringing government into situations it has no business being in. What gives Texas the right to stop someone from getting mail from another state? You have no idea what specific circumstances individuals are going through. Abortion pills are safe, plenty of science and data backs that up. If you think women need to be having more children, maybe you should make Texas a better state to raise a family in. Instead, Republicans, like the ones on this committee, are turning this state into a hellscape. Do not pass HB 7. It's government overreach and has questionable legal standing, and Texans do not want or need it.

Kathryn Schruba

Self

Fort Worth, TX

Please vote in favor of passing this bill.

Joy williams

Self

Sugar Land, TX

Please protect life

Jennifer Larrew

self

Lakeway, TX

I am not going to say much about this bill, other than I am completely against it.

However, It is SO frustrating that you will do everything in your power to prevent abortions at all costs, yet, you will not feed the child (cutting SNAP), give the child medical care (Cutting Medicaid), and likely find the child a family when they end up in the foster care system. It is completely unacceptable. But you don't care.

Sara Hamilton

Real Options/Self/Abortion Recovery Director

Allen, TX

Chairman, Members of the Committee, I write this not only as a concerned Texan, but as someone with a deeply personal connection to this issue.

When I was 19 years old, I experienced an abortion. In the years that followed, I struggled greatly with the aftermath. It affected my self-esteem, my relationships, and my sense of worth.

The memory of that abortion has stayed with me. Even though mine was done in a clinical setting, it was still an incredibly heavy burden to carry. I cannot imagine if I had gone through that experience alone in my bathroom at home, passing the pregnancy with abortion-inducing pills.

The isolation, the lack of medical support, and the lasting images of what that would have been like—I believe it would have compounded my trauma and deepened the wounds I carried for years.

My story is not unique. This is why decisions around abortion must be taken seriously, thoughtfully, and with the utmost care. To reduce it to a set of pills shipped through the mail or administered without in-person medical care is to ignore the long-term emotional and psychological impact on women like me.

In addition to my personal experience, I have also worked at Real Options, a pregnancy help clinic in Dallas, for the past 24 years. During that time, I have spoken with hundreds of women who were told the same things I once believed—that abortion is quick, simple, and that life can go back to normal afterward.

But again and again, I have seen the devastation that follows. These women say they were lied to by the abortion industry. They were promised relief but were left with trauma, regret, and brokenness that often lasts for years, and sometimes for the rest of their lives.

One woman I spoke with told me through tears how she had undergone a chemical abortion at home. She was led to believe it was nothing more than passing “a clump of cells.” But when she went to the bathroom, she saw a fully formed baby. The shock and horror of realizing she had been deceived left her heartbroken, and that image is one she carries with her to this day.

Another woman came to us after having a surgical abortion to complete the process of an unsuccessful chemical abortion. The physical pain was only part of her suffering—emotionally, mentally, and spiritually, she was a wreck. She described feeling abandoned, broken, and traumatized by an experience that was supposed to have been “simple and easy.”

These stories are not rare. They are part of a much larger pattern I have seen repeatedly over more than two decades of serving women who have experienced abortion. The reality of chemical abortion is far more painful and damaging than women are led to believe.

HB 7 protects women from the dangers of a do-it-yourself abortion at home. It ensures that those who provide these drugs are held accountable and that young women are not left alone to face what can be one of the most life-altering moments of their lives. Thank you for your time.

Kia Khadem

self

Coppell, TX

I oppose this bill because I believe that we do not need to endanger the lives of women during pregnancy. We should be focusing on improving the safety of women, not put it further at risk by enacting more strict laws.

Sameera Balay

Self

Austin, TX

I oppose this bill.

Sean Gulick, Dr

Self

SUNSET VALLEY, TX

I'm writing to express deep concerns that HB 7 would attempt to trample states rights by trying to prosecute or sue residents of another state over our states laws. That is truly undemocratic and not in keeping with the design of our country.

Kala Simpson, Mrs.

Self/ Housewife

Amarillo, TX

No forms of abortion in Texas.

No men in Women's/girls bathrooms.

Protect our children in every way.

Michael Kochumuttom

self

Lewisville, TX

I strongly oppose HB 7. The government should not meddle in the lives of individuals and their doctors'. A patient has cognitively come to the decision to consult a doctor and choose a treatment that is best suited for the patient. The government should not jump into the middle to prevent proper treatment. This bill has no place in Texas.

Todd Clayton, Jr.

Self college student

Waco, TX

It is a people's right to decide

Normalicia Saucedo

Self

Amarillo, TX

Providing an abortion pill is dangerous. Vote against this action and protect the sanctity of life. One wouldn't shoot an unborn child, why provide a pill that offers the same result? If this bill passes, murder will be as casual as having a glass of wine. We can't contribute to the moral decline of our nation. Someone must take a stand. Please vote no on this matter.

Kristen Armstrong

Self

Leander, TX

"I urge you to pass House Bill 7, the Woman and Child Protection Act. I strongly believe that every life deserves to be protected, from fertilization to natural death. However, even with our current Pro-Life laws, tens of thousands of abortion pills are mailed into our state each year, killing preborn babies. Texans need more tools to bring about justice for abortionists and activists who send deadly drugs to our communities. Please quickly advance HB 7 through the committee, so Pro-Life citizens can save preborn children and defend their mothers from abortion pills. Thank you."

Melinda K Malone

Self

Sumner, TX

I support HB 7. Thank you.

Joanne Pontius

Self widow and all real women !

Austin, TX

These drugs murder one person and physically , mentally , emotionally and spiritually harm another whether they know the cause or not.

Debbie Juhlke
Embrace Life Initiative
Round Rock, TX

"Hello Representative, I urge you to pass House Bill 7, the Woman and Child Protection Act. I strongly believe that every life deserves to be protected, from fertilization to natural death. However, even with our current Pro-Life laws, tens of thousands of abortion pills are mailed into our state each year, killing preborn babies. Texans need more tools to bring about justice for abortionists and activists who send deadly drugs to our communities. Please quickly advance HB 7 through the committee, so Pro-Life citizens can save preborn children and defend their mothers from abortion pills. Thank you."

Rachel Hagen
Self, RN, mother
Dripping springs, TX

We must protect biological women's spaces. My girls must only enter the restroom and locker room with biological women.

Mariana Torres
Self/Avow
Houston, TX

I oppose this bill as abortion should be available to all and not criminalized

Patricia Menikos
Self. Retired
Corsicana, TX

Please bring to a vote and give all support for this Republican priority. We are a no abortion State—please stop abortion pill access.

Brandi Stewart
Self
Glenn Heights, TX

I support this bill

Kaitlen Eckmann
Self
Galveston, TX

It makes no sense to permit random parties to sue someone for helping another person access healthcare. I oppose this bill.

Monica Davila

Self

Waco, TX

My name is Monica Davila and I am opposing House Bill 7. HB 7 will create a nationwide abortion bounty hunt, further isolating Texans who are seeking medical care and intimidate anyone who helps us. This bill interferes with my personal freedom and right to access essential healthcare. It undermines abortion access for Texans already facing multiple barriers to healthcare.

Abortion access is lifesaving and we have seen how many lives have suffered AND died due to not having access. There are various reasons why someone would need abortion care, even in the case of a miscarriage. Texans deserve a chance to live.

This is yet another attempt to turn neighbors into spies, and it is deeply unpopular in our state. Texans have already rejected this approach in Amarillo. Voters voted down the targeting of neighbors who help others access abortion care because we see this for what it is: government overreach. We do not want to be punished for seeking care or see our loved ones sued for offering help. For years Texans have struggled to access even the most basic healthcare and the abortion ban has only worsened our quality of life. Maternal deaths in Texas have increased by 56%, sepsis rates have surged 50%, and infant mortality has increased by 13%. These are our lives and our loved ones in the heartbreaking statistics. At such a crucial moment, the state government should be doing anything but further criminalizing abortion care for Texans. For these reasons I oppose HB 7.

Julia Newhouse

self

San Marcos, TX

This is a violent and inhumane violation of rights to basic healthcare. Men should have no place or right to choose what women can and can't do with their bodies. This bill will directly impact the quality of life for women, and directly impact the mortality of pregnant people. There is no legislative equivalent for men. There are no restrictions or regulations on men's bodies in the context of family planning and reproductive health. Why should men have any say in the restrictions of an FDA approved medication, that not only saves lives, but allows for women's autonomy. Today, in 2025, with all of the technological innovations and advancements, how is this a step forward? How is this protecting anyone? This is a gross violation of human rights to healthcare and autonomy.

Ashley Dyslin

Self

Austin, TX

You are killing women. Their blood, suffering, and lives are on your hands. You make me ashamed to live in the state of Texas. Stop restricting women's healthcare and choice.

Betty Stewart

Travis County GOP Precinct Chair 45

Austin, TX

We support this becoming law.

Yvette Llorance

self

Houston, TX

Hello Representatives, I urge you to pass House Bill 7, the Woman and Child Protection Act. Abortion is illegal in Texas and yet entities outside of Texas are mailing abortion inducing drugs into Texas. These drugs are not always solicited by the mother. They are also used to induce unwanted abortions. Abortion pills are intended to end the life of a human being. Life is precious and deserves protection at every stage of development. Shield laws in other states are protecting violators of Texas prolife laws. WCPA allows private citizens to take civil action to overcome state-level jurisdictional barriers and protect mothers and their preborn children. Again, I urge you to quickly advance HB 7 through the committee and help Pro-Life citizens defend the sanctity of life of preborn children and their mothers of whom I in 10 require emergency care from abortion inducing drugs.

Claire Maciques
Claire's Longarm Quilting
Bastrop, TX

Imagine how you would feel if a 10 year old white girl was gang raped by 15 black men and then found out she was pregnant and vote accordingly!!!

Susan Vanzandt
Moms for Liberty
New Braunfels, TX

Please protect our children and women.

Jennifer Taylor
Self. Physician
Bellaire, TX

I am a Texas resident and I'm writing to express significant opposition to this bill. Reproductive healthcare is a right to which Texas has already taken away the majority of access and further restriction reduces Texas residents' ability to make choices for themselves and their families independent of overreach from the state government.

While the restriction falls primarily on women, who are the only ones who can be in need of these medications, it truly affects women and men in the way that it alters families and pressures relationships. No woman should be restricted from choosing to protect herself, regardless of the circumstances, it is especially cruel to take away potentially beneficial medication's that can allow women to continue working,, or protect her body from an assault or rape, or choose to limit her family due to knowing the limits of her own financial means or other circumstances, for example.

Heather De La Garza-Barone
Texas Hospital Association
Austin, TX

My name is Heather De La Garza-Barone, Associate General Counsel, Texas Hospital Association, and I'm providing written testimony on behalf of our members in respectful opposition to HB 7 as filed. First, to be clear, Texas hospitals do not perform elective abortions and we do not condone illegal abortions. Our position on HB 7 as filed is strictly based on the impact the bill could have on medically necessary health care. Second, we do want to express our thanks to Chairman Leach and his staff for working with us and hearing our concerns with drafts of the bill filed during the regular and special sessions. We are very grateful to see that many of the provisions that would have impacted the supply chain for these life-saving medications are no longer included and we thank you for those revisions. Our opposition to the bill as filed is largely centered around the fact that it does not provide a full exemption for all licensed Texas doctors and licensed Texas health care providers from having a qui tam filed against them in proposed Section 171A.101(d)(7). Texas hospitals and physicians use these medications on a daily basis, particularly to help induce labor, treat post-partum hemorrhage, and treat ectopic pregnancies. Without a full exemption from this bill, the threat of a qui tam civil action by any person with a \$100,000 bounty, may lead to a very real chilling effect on the use of these medications. It is vital that this health care is not suspended, interrupted, or delayed. THA also wants to ensure that Texas hospitals, physicians and other providers who are complying with Texas law are protected. Much of the confusion and liability concerns surrounding Texas' abortion laws were addressed by SB 31 – The Life of the Mother Act and we want to ensure the achievements of that legislation are not pre-empted or diminished by HB 7.

We do understand that a committee substitute to the filed version is being worked on and we hope we can move to a neutral position once we believe a full exemption has been included. We stand ready to continue working with the Chairman and this committee to ensure that any legislation that attempts to regulate these medications does so in a manner that protects Texas patients and allows manufacturers, physicians, and hospitals to act consistent with current law regarding the distribution, prescription, and use of these drugs for legal, appropriate, and life-saving purposes. Thank you for your consideration.

Margaret Angelino

Self

Kingwood, TX

Please pass House Bill 7, the Woman and Child Protection Act. I strongly believe that every life deserves to be protected, from fertilization to natural death. However, even with our current Pro-Life laws, tens of thousands of abortion pills are mailed into our state each year, killing preborn babies. Texans need more tools to bring about justice for abortionists and activists who send deadly drugs to our communities. Please quickly advance HB 7 through the committee,

Lauren Jones

Self

Angleton, TX

For - prohibiting the manufacturing and provision of abortion inducing drugs...

Karen Maguire, CFE

None

Argyle, TX

Vote yes for this bill. Our tax dollars should not be paying for premeditated murder of an unborn, innocent human life. If this same human life was taken by any other means, it would be considered a felony. So, why is this method not prohibited? VOTE YES to prohibit the manufacturing and provision of drugs to induce chemical abortion.

Linda Lockhart

self

Cross Plains, TX

Please pass HB 7 out of committee. In order to protect the women taking these abortion pills, you must prohibit their use.

Jacque Cunningham

Self

Stockdale, TX

I oppose this bill. I'm unsure how in 2025, my daughter has less rights than even her grandmother had at her age. The way you are trying to control women's HEALTHcare is unconstitutional. We, as humans, have the right to safety. We also have the right to healthcare that take in to account not only the life of an unborn fetus, but also, OUR lives. I do not agree with abortion being a method of birth control. However, the more ways you ban specific healthcare procedures and medicines, the more ways women will die in our state. There are times when abortion is medically necessary to save the life of the mother. Those mothers, under your laws, will now end up dead, unable to carry future children, or left in the hospital accruing astronomical bills for themselves and their baby. Doctors can make the correct decision to save the lives of their patients. I say to you, the mother's life is just as important. You are likely taking away that woman from a family who needs her. Do not enact this bill that will take women's lives, not save babies.

Jamie Kimbrough

Self

Haskell, TX

Please pass this bill.

Philip Sevilla, Mr.

Self

San Antonio, TX

Texas needs to pass this bill to restrict pro-abortion. Biden's FDA's made changes to make the abortion pill accessible through the mail and removing mandatory reporting of adverse effects of the abortion pill which is four times more dangerous to women than surgical abortion. Texas defends the sanctity of life especially the most vulnerable in the womb. Since Texas and other states passed abortion bans and restrictions, widespread access has increased chemical abortion use by 527% (Source: Human Coalition). Many Texas girls taking these harmful drugs are not getting critical medical care and are suffering from lax oversight.

Stan Yoder

Westside Unitarian Universalist Church

FORT WORTH, TX

Unless the legislature has earned medical degrees, it has no business interfering with the health decisions of a woman, a family, and the actual doctors involved or regulating legal medications that may be prescribed by those actual doctors regarding the health and wellbeing of the doctors' patients. Stop with the theocratic nonsense and leave the practice of medicine to the professionals.

Brenda Robinson

Self

Wylie, TX

No abortion pills

John Rutkowski

Self

Haskell, TX

Please vote 'Yes' on this HB

Gabrielle Boyle

self, teacher

Austin, TX

Access to abortion is access to healthcare. Texans want access to food, housing, and education for our children. Until that is possible, PLEASE let us prevent pregnancy without harming ourselves.

Suzette Holley

Self

Houston, TX

Hello Representatives, I urge you to pass House Bill 7, the Woman and Child Protection Act. I strongly believe that every life deserves to be protected, from fertilization to natural death. However, even with our current Pro-Life laws, tens of thousands of abortion pills are mailed into our state each year, killing preborn babies. Texans need more tools to bring about justice for abortionists and activists who send deadly drugs to our communities. Please quickly advance HB 7 through the committee, so Pro-Life citizens can save preborn children and defend their mothers from abortion pills. Thank you."

Theresa Garcia

Self

McKinney, TX

I fully support this bill to stop manufacturing abortion pills

Daniel Svoboda

Self

Austin, TX

I am against SB 7.

Heather Dority

self

Austin, TX

I oppose HB 7, as I believe it will reduce public safety by encouraging a deeply antisocial climate of neighbor preying on neighbor in a bounty hunt. This bill is an over-reach of government to interfere in private citizens' medical treatment, and I think it will increase our already horrible maternal mortality rate. Do not give people incentive to invade each other's privacy based on mere suspicion and turn Texans into paid off spies. Things are tense enough as it is without people having one more incentive to turn against and distrust each other.

Emily Taylor, HB7 - I OPPOSE

Self

Austin, TX

As a constituent I am strongly opposed to HB7. This bill will greatly impact already struggling Texans in low income situations and will increase the ever growing healthcare inequity and lack of care that our state faces. I find it disgraceful that in the midst of all of the more important issues our state is facing that this is something our leadership is prioritizing. Texas has no future if we continue to pass bill such as this instead of prioritizing things we actually desperately need, such as post disaster relief.

Rodney Orsborn

Self

Amarillo, TX

No abortion pill distribution!!!!

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self

San Antonio, TX

I am opposing House Bill 7. HB 7 will create a nationwide abortion bounty hunt, further isolating Texans who are seeking medical care and intimidate anyone who helps us. This bill interferes with my personal freedom and right to access essential healthcare. It undermines abortion access for Texans already facing multiple barriers to healthcare.

Forcing women and girls to keep unwanted pregnancies is cruel for them as well as the unborn child. Unwanted children are typically born into poor qualities of life. Those that are given up for adoption will have to suffer in the awful and overcrowded foster system. Those that are not put up for adoption have a high likelihood of being abused, neglected, or live in a situation that is not suited for a child to thrive in.

This is yet another attempt to turn neighbors into spies, and it is deeply unpopular in our state. Texans have already rejected this approach in Amarillo. Voters voted down the targeting of neighbors who help others access abortion care because we see this for what it is: government overreach. We do not want to be punished for seeking care or see our loved ones sued for offering help.

For years Texans have struggled to access even the most basic healthcare and the abortion ban has only worsened our quality of life. Maternal deaths in Texas have increased by 56%, sepsis rates have surged 50%, and infant mortality has increased by 13%. These are our lives and our loved ones in the heartbreaking statistics. At such a crucial moment, the state government should be doing anything but further criminalizing abortion care for Texans. For these reasons I oppose HB 7.

Amber August, Dr.

Self

Bedford, TX

Women need to have at least one option in order to protect women's health.

Bri Smith

Self

Amarillo, TX

My name is Bri and I am opposing House Bill 7. HB 7 will create a nationwide abortion bounty hunt, further isolating Texans who are seeking medical care and intimidate anyone who helps us. This bill interferes with my personal freedom and right to access essential healthcare. It undermines abortion access for Texans already facing multiple barriers to healthcare.

My mother became pregnant at 16 and we're it not for her choice to decide when she was ready to have a family, my brother and I would not be here today.

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Samuel Rhodes

Self - Construction/Film contractor

Austin, TX

My name is Samuel Rhodes, I am a citizen of Travis county, and I am honestly floored that HB-7 is even being considered. The fact that representative Leach and his cohorts have the audacity to refer to this bill as the “woman and child protection act” is the height of hypocrisy. It’s well known that reducing access to abortion-inducing medication does not decrease the number if abortions - it only increases the amount of unsafe abortions - leading to worse and more dangerous outcomes for women, including serious medial complications, and even death (see the WHO’s abortion page on their website and the “Abortion Worldwide 2017” report released by the Guttmacher Institute, or, just so a basic google search, to learn more). Additionally, by putting what essentially amounts to a bounty on information concerning people who provide abortion-inducing medication - on the people who actually care about women’s safety - the legislature will create a culture of paranoia and fear, wherein women will be put in positions where their safe access to abortion is less and less likely, and the likelihood of someone extorting or taking advantage of their precarious legal position will greatly increase. The fact that providing transport to another state for the purpose of receiving an abortion will effectively be criminalized is draconian and authoritarian - it goes against the spirit of our country and of our state.

Passing this bill will not reduce the amount of abortions that take place, but it will greatly increase the chance that women who seek abortions will be harmed or will die in the process. Passing this bill will create a Soviet-style self-surveillance state, where neighbors report members of their own communities to the state for a financial windfall, where men who do not want their wives or girlfriends to have an abortion can use the law as a cudgel against them, where people posing as providers of abortifacients can extort women who are already in a desperate position. This is classic big government - the legislature wants to decide what we as sovereign individuals can and cannot do.

If this measure passes, the Texas legislature will once again show its citizens that the only thing they are interested in is virtue-signaling to their (shrinking) evangelical base. History will not look kindly upon them. The citizens of this once-great state will remember. And when one of our representatives flies their mistresses out-of-state to get an abortion, and gets caught, and fined, or jailed, it will be the only just thing that comes from passing this bill.

Let’s not let it come to that. Vote “NO” on this bill. Stop embarrassing the people you are supposed to represent. Stop prioritizing donations from mega churches and pro-life NGOs over the actual lives of the people who put you in office, or we’ll see you at the ballot box.

Natalie Peterson

self, therapist

Austin, TX

This proposed bills is an other horrendous attack on women, girls, and our society. Unfathomable we have gone so far backward in our plight to gain equal status and rights. I'm disgusted to call myself a Texan with the monsters in office.

Penny Bradshaw

Self

The Woodlands, TX

SB 7 is a bill geared toward reducing, in my opinion, a women’s ability to obtain abortion-inducing drugs by restricting these drugs for purchase ONLY from Texas manufacturers. This bill also includes civil liability for the manufacturers and provision of these abortion-inducing drugs and authorizes civil and qui tam actions (whistleblowing) which could reach as much as \$100,000. This bill may restrict women’s reproductive rights by creating uncertainty about whether or not they are able to terminate an unwanted pregnancy should the drugs become unavailable from Texas companies, thereby taking away the ability to plan for their future. How will victims of incest and rape navigate their unwanted pregnancies?

I ASK THAT YOU VOTE NO ON THIS BILL.

Brian Burgess, pastor
myself and my family
Waxahachie, TX

The morning after pill is being used to circumvent Texas law and young women are injuring themselves through its unsupervised and illegal use. Please pass this bill.

Debra Levy
Self
Dallas, TX

As a person of faith, I object to the erosion of access to safe abortion access for women, especially through medication abortion by prescription in the state of Texas, which has caused the uptick of mail order pills. Closing this avenue will not keep women safe: safe access in Texas will make women safe.

In fact, the ability to prescribe this life-saving medication ought to be widely available within the state to women in order to prevent a lack of counseling, imposition of burdens and later complications.

Women have God given choices and autonomy over their bodies, their lives. Removing access to this method of care will harm women, force dangerous and desperate procedures that can do grave harm, and that would cause, perhaps, unnecessary deaths of mothers, on your watch, an avoidable outcome.

You have great power here, and it needs to be asserted with mercy and grace toward women who are trying to do their best to care for themselves and their families.

We know that funding decreases across health care access, and services such as food stamps, will greatly impact the lives of our most vulnerable and it will lead to financial difficulties and the need for safe solutions in many cases. The focus should be on easing burdens, increasing access to family planning and reproductive health services, the safe, medical solutions that support safe termination early in pregnancy - even before a fetal heartbeat.

To keep early access medications in the hands of women to avoid harm is right and merciful.

The answer here is care in-state that is safe and can be undertaken with proper counsel.

I am also deeply concerned about the demonization of faithful care for women in this state, the targeting of faith communities in ways that could open up a pandora's box.

Limiting access to those who can help, aid, assist, who live out their faith that abortion should be safe and legal, following their faithful conscience, is not only a violation of pastoral rights of care, it is cruel. It also abuses the conscience of faithful followers of many faith traditions who care for women, and should do so free of fear.

The carve-out of the law that protects faith based organizations, Texas RFRA, is dangerous and unspeakably irresponsible as to the freedom of religion and separation of church and state.

Allowing for unfettered "slap" suits, pre-trial discovery and constraining the judiciary is the stuff of dictatorship that fears faith, that believes in a state based theocracy. I ask you to protect the freedom of all people of faith to act as their tradition requires, and to be free from interference through threats of private rights of action - through witch hunts and bounty hunters, unrestrained by rule of process, or courts of law.

Lastly, this measure is a terrible precedent, and violates interfaith, negotiated and settled precepts in law, creating an unsettling precedent toward any faithful action in the future.

Thank you for your time,
Debra Levy

Emily Witt

Self

Austin, TX

Texans, especially those most harmed by abortion bans, have been forced to seek resources from other states for abortion care because of this very body's decisions. It is unconscionable that you would now try to hold us captive by attacking anyone who helps obtain the healthcare we need and deserve. It is unconscionable that you would encourage our neighbors to surveil us and sue us.

Texans do not want abortion bans. Voters in Amarillo came together across party lines to reject an abortion travel ban, and still, our lawmakers keep defying voters' wishes with more restrictions.

HB 7 is yet another example of massive overreach and the "party of small government's" hypocrisy. Our bodies belong to us.

Listen to Texans and focus on legislation that serves the people instead of taking away our right to reproductive care.

Show you care for Texas children by funding education, keeping them safe from gun violence, and helping flood victims. Stop trying to control our bodies for political gain and do your job.

Judith Mcallister, Ms

Self

Fort Worth, TX

Please pass

Dave Cooper

Self

Canyon, TX

Being a Texas resident (though born in another country) I strongly oppose the production, acquisition & use of abortion pills and of them being promoted as birth control when they are in fact a means of killing a human being before their birth. Please consider the seriousness that we are dealing with a human life. Thank you for reading this comment and I hope and pray that the right thing will be done regarding this bill.

Constantinos Pogas

Self

Austin, TX

Hello, my name is Constantinos Pogas. The added trauma and fear that pregnant individuals are currently facing are forced to navigate an unnecessary fourth ban to get the care they need. People deserve to have access to safe abortion care without political interference. I urge you to listen to medical experts, not misinformation, and vote NO on HB 7. Thank you.

Kelsey Roberts

Self (Student)

Houston, TX

My name is Kelsey Roberts, and I'm writing to express my firm opposition to HB 7 and any other efforts to restrict access to medication abortion, such as mifepristone and misoprostol. HB 7 seeks to completely cut off access to medication abortion from inside and outside of Texas and isolate pregnant Texans from anyone who can help them. This is the fourth abortion ban that our lawmakers are pushing for instead of what Texans need.

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Gloria Neel, Ms

Self - retired public school teacher

Kerrville, TX

I support SB 7 because it protects the privacy, safety, and dignity of girls in Texas schools. Please advance this important legislation.

Kevin Hoare

Self / Student

Dallas, TX

I am Kevin Hoare and I'm writing to express my firm opposition to HB 7 and any other efforts to restrict access to medication abortion, such as mifepristone and misoprostol. HB 7 seeks to completely cut off access to medication abortion from inside and outside of Texas and isolate pregnant Texans from anyone who can help them. This is the fourth abortion ban that our lawmakers are pushing for instead of what Texans need.

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Andrea Juarez

Self

mcallen, TX

This bill is dangerous for people like myself who want control over our bodies and could die from a pregnancy. This bill takes away my choice and power over my own body and criminalizes people like myself for seeking healthcare. This is about power, not the good of the people in Texas. I strongly urge you all to vote NO on HB7.

Cody Brown

Self

Austin, TX

First and foremost, I deeply oppose this bill on the grounds that goes against everything that the Republican members of the committee claim to stand for. The Republican Party has always claimed to stand for self-determination; the idea that no one should have the right to infringe on another person's self-evident rights. This would include both private citizens and the government at large. The bill you are intending to pass violates this core value two-fold, by giving the government the ability to decide for one of its citizens what over-the-counter medicine they are allowed to take, as well as giving literally any person the ability to sell out a member of their community for the mere act of suspecting that they may be taking one of the states' decidedly illegal drugs that would be fully legal in most other states.

I want to take a moment to appeal to you directly. I know that you are intelligent, you would not be in this position if you were not. I also know that you have deeply held moral and religious beliefs on this topic, and that you mostly likely believe that abortion in itself is murder. Nothing I say in this brief message is likely to change those points, so I am not going to try. Even if we assume that abortion is murder, this bill is still abhorrent and deeply immoral. Giving financial incentives to any random member of the public to turn women over to the state is nothing short of fascistic, and I believe you are informed and intelligent enough to understand that. What you are doing is telling anyone looking to make a quick buck that if they hear that one of their female co-workers, acquaintances, or even family members happens to be going out of state, that they could benefit from sending their name to the state on the off chance they might be pregnant and a prosecutor could make a case they were seeking abortion pills. Do you not see how quickly this could lead to hundreds of women being unjustly detained or jailed for nothing other than the crime of wanting a family? I understand that it may seem hyperbolic to you at first, but this is literally a direct parallel to policies enacted by Nazi Germany against their Jewish citizens; giving everyone that was not Jewish incentive to turn in their neighbors and enact the state's violence for them.

I am asking you to truly think deeply about what direction you want Texas to move in, because this truly cannot be the direction you foresaw when you first accepted your office. I believe that you became a public servant to try your very best to make Texas a better place, and I believe you are intelligent enough to realize that this bill does nothing but make Texas a more paranoid and more violent place for valid of the people who live here. You have the opportunity to make things right, and to vote against this misguided bill. I believe that there is a voice inside you that is urging you to question the efficacy of this sort of policy, and I encourage you to listen to it.

Korey Young

Self

Austin, TX

Regulating abortion-inducing drugs in this way is massive government overreach considering that these drugs have already been approved as safe on the federal level by the FDA. The choice to take a drug or not after FDA's thorough approval process should be a decision made by patients with the assistance of their physicians, not mandated by the state.

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Dndnd, TX

A woman should have the right to choose to keep a pregnancy. It isn't up to the government to decide. The fact this is even up for debate is appalling!

Greg Sells

Self-federal employee

Austin, TX

I am writing in opposition to HB 7 as well as SB 7, which would deny access to abortion-inducing drugs, expand bounties beyond state lines, and altogether punish those seeking to end their pregnancies by empowering anti-abortion officials.

Julie Lacey

representing myself, I am a data analyst

Austin, TX

I urge the committee to reconsider their priorities. Instead of focusing on flood relief and recovery for Kerr County, time and taxpayer money is spent on unenforceable partisan legislation. The state of Texas has no legal jurisdiction to prosecute out of state manufacturers for shipping to Texas. Furthermore, were this bill to achieve its desired purpose, all this will do is result in avoidable deaths. When safe abortion is not accessible, dangerous self abortions will be attempted. The way to decrease unwanted pregnancy, teen pregnancy, and abortions is comprehensive sex education and available contraception.

Trisha Yardley, RN-BSN

self

Austin, TX

HB7 isolates pregnant women; creates fear among providers nationwide, and destabilizes healthcare access for everyone. There are thousands of kids being cared for by the state without a family and in foster care quite possibly because the woman whom had the child was raped; it was an unwanted pregnancy; the person became pregnant at a young age; or child was taken away because of drugs/instability, etc. I strongly oppose this bill to not allow women the devices to receive the abortion pill and definitely do not feel as if it is anyone else's business. This is the female's decision. It is her body! Nobody should be given any policing ability to get someone in trouble for seeking assistance for pregnancy elimination.

Alice Baker

Self

Austin, TX

Just don't. Let people have bodily autonomy

Mary Gottschalk, Ms

Self

Dallas, TX

I urge you to pass House Bill 7, the Woman and Child Protection Act. I strongly believe that every life deserves to be protected, from fertilization to natural death. However, even with our current Pro-Life laws, tens of thousands of abortion pills are mailed into our state each year, killing preborn babies. Texans need more tools to bring about justice for abortionists and activists who send deadly drugs to our communities. Please quickly advance HB 7 through the committee, so Pro-Life citizens can save preborn children and defend their mothers from abortion pills. Thank you.

Alexandra De La Mora

Self

Austin, TX

I firmly oppose HB 7. This bill is an extreme and dangerous bounty hunter bill that extends beyond Texas and would cut off Texan's access to safe and necessary health care. This bill goes after medication which has been safely used in the US for over 20 years and would anyone, even people outside Texas, to sue providers and helpers. I am asking you to vote NO on HB7 and put the lives, health, and safety of Texans above personal beliefs.

Dan Chandler, Mr.

Self retired

Dallas, TX

Exodus 21:22-25

New Living Translation:

22 "Now suppose two men are fighting, and in the process they accidentally strike a pregnant woman so she gives birth prematurely.[a] If no further injury results, the man who struck the woman must pay the amount of compensation the woman's husband demands and the judges approve. 23 But if there is further injury, the punishment must match the injury: a life for a life, 24 an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, a hand for a hand, a foot for a foot, 25 a burn for a burn, a wound for a wound, a bruise for a bruise.

Jeremiah 1:5 KJV

5 Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

Matthew 19:13-14 KJV

13 Then were there brought unto him little children, that he should put his hands on them, and pray: and the disciples rebuked them.

14 But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 18:5-10 KJV

[5] And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me.

[6] But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea.

[7] Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh!

[8] Wherefore if thy hand or thy foot offend thee, cut them off, and cast them from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life halt or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into everlasting fire.

[9] And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire.

[10] Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.

Dan Chandler:

The penalty is written for ABORTION, and God says that He formed you in the womb, and it is written that God HATES those who shed INNOCENT BLOOD, and God WIPED THE CANAANITES FROM THE FACE OF THE EARTH, KILLING EVEN THEIR LIVESTOCK, KILLING EVERY MAN, WOMAN, CHILD AND SUCKLING BABE--those who sacrificed their children to the FIRES OF MOLECH.

God gives his SIXTH COMMANDMENT, that thou shalt not MURDER, and even as we MURDER THE BABIES and THE TRANNYGENDER KIDS.

God is the author of LIFE, and gather some dust, and mix with it all the chemicals that you want, and hold your Frakenstein mixture up to the lightning bolts, but the parts will not knit, and it will not begin to breath.

It is written that those who will find their life, that they shall lose their life, but that those who will lose their life for the Lord's sake will find their life, and a man's life is but a flickering flame in the hand of Almighty God, and will anyone seek to preserve his life by undo

Cleese Mirrow

Self

Fort Worth, TX

Highly against this bill, considering the way Texas touts the idea of small government and personal responsibility. Don't ya'll have anything important to actually make laws about? You are an embarrassment for wasting our taxdollars on this.

Mary Hughes

Republicans

AMARILLO, TX

Vote against abortion drugs! Murder has to be stopped for this state to be blessed by God!

Kathryn Browning

Self, Graphic Designer

Amarillo, TX

Hello, my name is Kathryn Browning and I am representing myself and my strong opposition to this bill.

HB 7 is not just an attack on safe, FDA-approved medication abortion, but it's also a direct attack on free speech and the everyday working people who support advocacy and healthcare access. This bill deputizes private citizens as bounty hunters and empowers them to sue anyone who "aids or abets" a Texan in accessing abortion pills, even outside our state. That includes targeting people like me — designers, digital organizers, or even someone who simply shares a post online.

If this bill passes, could I be sued for building a website that provides information? For designing a flyer? For reposting a tweet with resources? This is not hypothetical — the digital platform section of HB 7 makes clear that work like mine could become a liability. That's not just unconstitutional, it's chilling. Free speech extends to the internet, and HB 7 would set a terrifying precedent of punishing people for sharing information. How many more Texans are you willing to put out of work for yet another ban that the majority of Texans oppose?

Beyond the free speech issue, HB 7 criminalizes care that Texans already desperately need. Abortion pills are safe, effective, and also used for miscarriage treatment and other conditions. This bill would make it harder for people to access timely care, all while weaponizing the courts to let extremists dodge accountability and harass helpers with \$100,000 lawsuits.

We've seen this before. Amarillo voters rejected nearly identical language in the Sanctuary Cities for the Unborn ordinance by almost 20 points (the same city that overwhelmingly votes Republican). Texans don't want these dumpster-dive policies pulled from the political junk pile. We want healthcare, not more government intrusion. We want freedom, not more abortion bans.

I urge you to oppose HB 7. This bill is cruel, unconstitutional, and dangerous for everyday Texans.

Thank you for your time.

Melissa Seal

Self

Austin, TX

I want abortion drugs to be legal and easily available. They are safer than Viagra. I support abortion rights

Nancy Kasten, Rabbi

Self

Dallas, TX

I am a rabbi, and Jewish tradition teaches that "To save one life is to save the world." Jewish law also teaches that if the life of a mother is in danger, everything must be done to protect her life, even if that requires the sacrifice of a zygote, embryo or fetus. Denying Jewish women access to full reproductive health care, including access to abortion care, and denying Jewish doctors the right to provide full reproductive health care to women, including abortion care, denies Jews religious freedom. HB 7 must be rejected in the interest of religious freedom.

Patricia Everett

Self

Fort Worth, TX

A friend was told by her doctor that if anything went wrong with the pregnancy that she should leave the state. Another friend was told by her doctor that she could not be prescribed a certain medication to help treat her miscarriage because of the state law against abortion. This friend lost so much blood that she had to be hospitalized and then she was weak for months. And these are the stories that don't make the news. The ones that do are devastating. I was lucky, before the laws were changed, I was able to get a D&C here in Texas when I needed one. Why I got one is none of your business -- it was a decision made between me and my doctor. The way it should be. But with the current laws Texas is not a safe state for women and girls in their reproductive years. And now you want to go after medication that has been proven to be safe and after those who assist women beyond our state borders so they can get the care they need? That is frightening. How many more of our freedoms do you want to take from us? Truly, if you want to help women and girls, please ensure that there is quality sex education, affordable health care and birth control, affordable daycares, excellent family leave policies, and so on. I guess the question is do you care about us, or do you just care about controlling us? Please do what is right and reject HB 7.