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For HB 2197

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Brenda Shepherd
Self
Wichita Falls, TX

The unborn child is a human with the same rights as all who have survived the womb. It is murder to end the life of any human in or out of the womb.

Jenifer Mahler, Mrs.
Self. Homemaker
Roanoke, TX

Please support this bill. It is a stand for life, the life of all Texans. I am in favor of the passage of this bill 100%. I have been grieved for 50 years since Roe vs Wade. We need to bring an end to all abortion because there is never a need for it. Many doctors have testified to this. No kind of abortion should be legal. This is the only way to end legal abortion in our state, the same laws that are protecting you and I should protect the babies in the womb. This is the right thing to do under God‘s law. It is also part of the Republican platform. It should be illegal for everyone to murder anyone.

Alexis Garcia
preborn children
Burleson, TX

““You shall not murder.”
??Exodus? ?20?:?13? ?
This is Gods law, and he is who our standard should come from.
“We love because he first loved us.”
??1 John? ?4?:?19? ?
I can love others and love life because of what God has done for me.
We should protect life with our laws, and this Bill does a great job of presenting the truth and protecting life.

Katherine Tope
Self Wife, Mother, Homeschool Teacher
Kingsland, TX

I urge all of the Texas Lawmakers to recognize the humanity of every Texan, from the moment of conception until natural death and protect ALL of them, not simply the ones we can detect a heartbeat or the ones that are wanted by their parents, but every single one. We are all accountable to Our Creator to uphold and defend life that is given by Him according to the Scriptures and therefore according to the laws of both our great state and our nation. Please do right by God and man and do not show partiality to anyone, even if it is the child's own mother, and ignore the preconceived murder perpetrated daily on the most vulnerable amongst us. I adjure you by the Living God, His Son Jesus and by the Holy Spirit to do your sworn duty for those you represent. Thank you.

Kathy Burden, Mrs
Texas Conservatives
Frisco, TX

We are for this bill

Jon Speed, Rev.
Self/Pastor of Missions & Evangelism at By the Word Baptist Church (Azle, TX)
Azle, TX

As a pastor and as an activist who volunteers with CHOICE42.com (assisting with the needs of women who keep their babies, co-production of the EXPOSED animated series) and the co-producer of the documentaries Babies Are Murdered Here (2014) and Babies Are STILL Murdered Here (2019), and who was featured in the 2024 documentary, The Moral Dilemma (2024, on IVF), I SUPPORT Rep. Money's bill, TX HB 2197. At CHOICE42.com we have documented evidence of mothers in Texas who have chemically aborted their babies at home, including a set of twins that were six months gestation. Existing pro-life laws and those proposed in this current legislative session offer immunity to mothers who function as the abortionist in this state. In the case of these precious twins, it is believed that they could live up to 15 minutes after being delivered by the mother who researched, sought, bought and administered the pills herself. They probably did not live that long since they would have been disposed of in the toilet and could have died by drowning, or the abortive mother more likely stomped the twins to death on her Texas bathroom floor. Since Dobbs, this is the primary method of abortion in Texas--chemical, DIY, at home. And this child sacrifice is protected by existing Texas laws. Rep. Money's bill would apply existing Texas criminal code to women who purchase, administer, and dispose of the corpses of their own babies. It is the Biblical duty of government to bring the fear of God to those who would commit murder (Romans 13:1-7). It is past time for TX legislators to stop writing laws that are sinful because they fail to provide the same justice that you and I expect from the criminal justice system (Isaiah 10:1-4). God hates partiality in the application of justice--protecting some people rather than others. In this case, protecting babies at six weeks gestation and not five. Or prosecuting babies killed outside of "the magical birth canal" rather than those who are inside. The issue at stake is whether TX legislators fear God.The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span3 is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away. Who considers the power of your anger, and your wrath according to the fear of you? So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom" (Ps. 90:10-12). https://youtu.be/CNgwsT295G8?si=USw_l2SeofRfU_61

Rebecca Wilson
Self
Frisco, TX

Please support and vote FOR HB 2197.

Paul Opheim, Mr
Self
Sanger, TX

N/A

Amy Ferguson, Homemaker
Self
Weatherford, TX

Babies should have equal protection in Texas!

Matt Becker
Grace Community Bible Church
Spring, TX

My name is Matt Becker, and I'm a pastor at Grace Community Bible Church in Tomball.
HB 2197 is a bill that will protect the lives of preborn Texans by providing equal protection under the law. Holy Scripture proclaims to us again and again that God is opposed to the taking of innocent life, and I'll highlight a few of these passages:

1. God regards the life of the preborn as equal to the life of the adult:

Exodus 21:22:

When men strive together and hit a pregnant woman, so that her children come out, but there is no harm, the one who hit her shall surely be fined, as the woman's husband shall impose on him, and he shall pay as the judges determine.
Exodus 21:23: But if there is harm, then you shall pay life for life,
Exodus 21:24: eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot,
Exodus 21:25: burn for burn, wound for wound, stripe for stripe.

2. The taking of innocent life pollutes a land and brings judgment on its inhabitants:

Psalms 106:38: they poured out innocent blood,
the blood of their sons and daughters,
whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan,
and the land was polluted with blood.

God commands impartiality in judgment:

Deuteronomy 1:17: You shall not be partial in judgment. You shall hear the small and the great alike. You shall not be intimidated by anyone, for the judgment is God's.
Deuteronomy 10:17: For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe.

I'm a father as well, and my wife and I adopted a special needs child 8 years ago. God calls upon us to love and care for all children, whether the product of rape, incest or other abuse, genetic abnormality, or any other reason that children would be unwanted. Every child is precious in His sight, and every preborn child deserves equal protection under the law of Texas alongside adult Texans.
I call on the legislators of the state of Texas to act with justice and righteousness, to act with impartiality, to protect the cause of the poor and innocent, none of which is more poor nor more innocent than the baby in the womb; the womb should be the most protected place, but has become the most dangerous place in America. It is all of our duty to protect the lives of the preborn neighbor, to love our neighbor as ourselves (Matthew 19:19; Romans 13:9; Galatians 5:14; James 2:8). The lives of these babies are in your hands.

Matt Becker
Grace Community Bible Church Tomball

Tyler Tennies, Mr.
Self / Teacher
Lubbock, TX

I would like to start by lauding the legislative efforts to pass H.B. 1280 in 2021, however, the law contains an abortion loophole. Currently, as the law is written, mothers who undertake self-induced abortions by taking abortion pills or by other means are exempt from prosecution. Because of this, in Texas 20,662 children were murdered by their mothers in 2022, according to the Foundation to Abolish Abortion. This is unacceptable. The government of Texas has a duty to protect the innocent and punish those who commit evil (Rom. 13:3-4). Yet, the state is failing to protect the innocent and accomplish justice by allowing mothers to murder their own children. As long as this loophole exists the state of Texas is condoning a horrendous evil. H.B. 2197 closes this loophole by enacting equal protection under the law for the preborn, and it is for this reason that I am supporting this legislation and asking that this bill be passed into law.

Bethany Young
Self, homemaker
Bastrop, TX

My daughter, who was born just this year, has Down Syndrome.

In the United States, she only had a 15% chance of escaping murder at the hands of her mother through abortion because 85% of children diagnosed with Down syndrome in the womb are murdered through abortion.

Put another way, 85% of women who find out that their pre-born child has Down Syndrome will go on to murder their child.

The child will either be starved to death by the abortion pill, dismembered, poisoned…you name it. All because the laws of this state, while recognizing they are human persons, draws a line around preborn children and says “we refuse to protect you equally”.

You may claim to be “compassionate” by exempting women from prosecution for the murder of their own children. That’s certainly what many so-called “prolife” fraudsters would claim. I spit on a compassion that has no justice for children like my daughter who are targeted for murder in this country every day by their own parents.

You may say “shouldn’t we just punish the abortionists?” Your law doesn’t punish abortionists adequately right now. They are not charged with murder under the current law, and treating them as anything less than the mass murderers that they are does not cut it.

I would also point out to you that a woman taking pills to kill her child IS the abortionist. Women are not mentally challenged by virtue of our sex, and we don’t become so while pregnant. So please, stop treating us like we are so you can give us special murder rights over our children in the name of “compassion”.

From the earliest point of her existence, my daughter has had a right to be protected from abuse and murder.

This perverse, vile government may not have seen her worth, her dignity, her right to life and care that is no different than any one of you. But God does and by His grace so do I and her father.

Pass HB 2197.

Christopher Holmes
Self / University Student
Sanger, TX

The Bible testifies to the life of an unborn child. So does science. God has granted life to every child, including those who reside in the womb. To take that life away is to shed another human being's blood, incurring guilt before the living God. Therefore, I support the privilege and responsibility of the state of Texas to uphold the constitutional right of all unborn children to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

MARCOS APODACA
Abolish Abortion Texas
Leander, TX

Please pass this bill through committee so that they can get a hearing. It is important that we protect the rights of unborn. Just as we were protect the rights of those living outside the room. They also need to have equal justice under the law. The murder of an unborn child is a crime And needs to be treated as such. Please give this bill hearing so that I can move forward and take care of our Texas citizens. Thank you.

Carlos Garcia
Self
Burleson, TX

Equal protection for all!!!

Jude Schrumpf
Self employed
Sanger, TX

We must abolish abortion in Texas for the justice of the pre-born children. It is our responsibility to protect the most innocent. These children cannot speak for themselves. We must end abortion.

Laura Noah
Self/Marketing Coordinator
Cypress, TX

All life is a gift and should be cherished and protected. Our society has created a lie that only wanted babies should be saved or considered a human before birth. This is not God’s plan. See Psalm 139:13 “You knit me together in my mother’s womb”

Katherine McCally, Mrs
Citizen of Texas
Lantana, TX

Support HB 2197

Doug Powers
Self (retired)
Abilene, TX

Please do right and protect the most innocent among us and keep innocent blood from our state

Angela Beggs
Self
San Antonio, TX

An unborn child must be protected in the same manner as any other person! The age of the person, whether measured in gestational weeks or otherwise, should not determine the extent of their right to life. An unborn child is a child and must be protected as such!

Elizabeth Leon

Self/a Wife and homeschooling Mom

Huntsville, TX

I have been raped and took the abortion pill. After some time of the rape, it hit me that I took the abortion pill because I felt gross and nothing to do with the child. I regret what I did. I killed an innocent human being. My mother at 15 years old had an abortion right before I was conceived. She is still struggling with it. She is VERY prolife and so am I. These are children, they are their own little person, and it is only right to stand up for them. Everyone is to be treated equally under the law. When you are pregnant, what are you pregnant with? A living human being. So why isnt our culture treating them like human beings? Children are not treated fairly at all. They are the most persecuted group in this world. Women are put on a false pedestal to make a life or death decision with most people around her wanting her to murder. With terrible excuses of it will ruin your life, you are already struggling, you are too young, etc. All this being said like those people care, when really it is the most insulting thing to say when someone is pregnant. As a woman, a wife, a mother of 3 living children, who has had an abortion, create a culture of love for all. I know too many that have had an abortion and now run to drugs/alcohol/their medication. This is to save unborn babies AND the mothers AND the fathers AND close family. Abortion doesnt just murder an innocent child, it destroys everyone involved, and the destruction grows into other relationships.

David Capps, Mr

Myself

Hurst, TX

My name is David Capps and I respectfully ask you to pass this bill through committee. Ever Child deserves the right to life whether in the womb or out of the womb. God see and knows every child in the womb and we can not have laws that establish the right to kill them just because of where they are located. Just like we protect born children we also need to protect unborn children even more. It is the duty of the state to protect the lives of children and not not regulate when and where a person can kill their unborn child. Thank you

Karen Eudy

Self

Royse City, TX

Quoting the Republican Platform and Resolutions: "abortion is not health care it is homicide". For several years Texas legislators have been asked to abolish abortion and have done anything but, hoping that they will get away with sidestepping this issue. This pressure is not going to go away. It's time to step up and do the right thing. Do not continue to allow the homicide of the most vulnerable preborn baby Texans. Don't try and get away with ignoring the homicide of thousands of preborn baby Texans one more year. Please finally do what you've been asked to do. Abolish abortion now.

Jeremy Story, SREC SD5

Self, pastor

Bastrop, TX

Pass this bill on to a house floor vote. Humans inside their mothers are no less humans than those outside. They do have rights. Let's not play politics and instead uphold human rights given by God and affirmed by our constitution.

John Wiechec

Abolish Abortion Texas

Fort Worth, TX

Please have hearing and pass this bill to help the smallest humans. Jesus said to love the least among us . From John and Christine Wiechec.

Pony Peterson
Self
Sealy, TX

I'm asking you to pass this bill as I believe ALL humans have the right to protection under the law whether in the womb or out.

We have accountability under the law for murder…the taking of a human life. Life begins at conception and abortion is the taking of a human life…it is MURDER.

Katie Brickner
Self
Conroe, TX

Yay, pass this bill!!

Sophia Webb
Self
Lometa, TX

Don't like it

Victor Harr, Executive Assistant
Abolish Abortion Texas
Liberty Hill, TX

I am asking you to please pass this bill, this is the only way Texas will truly be able to protect the tens of thousands of pre-born babies being murdered on our soil. You are going to receive a lot of pressure to kill this bill from a lot of people. But none of them will matter when we all pass away and stand before God on the judgment, throne and answer for our deeds upon this earth. This bill is biblical according to God and everything in it honors and glorifies him. I also want to say something about what many people are going to use in their argument against this bill, which is the punishment for the mother, first of all, that is not true. The bill criminalized the act of abortion whether that act is by the mother by a doctor or by a boyfriend husband or family member who forced or coerced that mother into having the abortion. All of them will be liable for their actions. This does not target the mother, it targets the act of abortion which is murder. I am asking you to do what is right today before God and the majority of Texans. Abortion will be banned in our country, it is coming. I would love for Texas to be the leading example, and to completely ban abortion in our state. Please vote yes on HB 2197.

Pam Barcroft, CTN
Self
Sandia, TX

I absolutely believe that this bill acknowledges the right to life for every unborn Texan and that every born Texan's duty should be to defend the unborn's right to live. That unalienable right is obviously granted by God, as He says! And it is also spoken of in the Constitution and the Texas Constitution. If we don't defend them, then we risk having to defend ourselves in front of God one day. And there will be no defense for killing them before His eyes. The unborn should have the right to their own life: "to live and move and have their being," just like any other Texan does!
It is so clear! And to have to speak this obviousness before the Texas Congress is mind blowing to me! Why is this even a debate? It is the truth, and your job is to defend Texans!

Hayden Oakley, Mr
Self/Construction
Cleburne, TX

Protect unborn babies from being murdered. God is not pleased with our country and we will be judged and held accountable for our wickedness.

Carolina Vaughn
Self
Houston, TX

I would like to support the rights of the unborn children of Texas, but who are helpless in defending their right to live.

Kristen Bottoms, Mrs.
Self
Forney, TX

Every human life has inherent value and deserves legal protection, beginning at the moment of conception. Abortion ends the life of an innocent child and undermines the moral foundation of our society. Texas has a duty to uphold the rights of the unborn and protect the most vulnerable among us. By abolishing abortion, we affirm the dignity of every human being and promote a culture of life that honors both mother and child.

Patrick Von Dohlen
San Antonio Family Association
San Antonio, TX

PreBorn children are human at the moment of fertilization and deserve protection of their life and rights as every other born person. The right to exist and breath is above all politics and is the most basic human right without which all other rights are nullified and unnecessary. Anyone responsible for their harm or human death need to be held responsible for their demise. We each and Texas have a duty to protect each and every human life for individual human flourishing and domestic prosperity. The healthiest thing a pregnant woman can do is give birth to the child she’s sharing space with. Any action contrary to the good of both individuals goes against God’s design and the natural order of life. Elective abortion is an act where a person thinks they own another person and is therefor a form of slavery. It’s unnatural and immoral as it breaks the 5th Commandment (Exodus 20:13). Children deserve absolute protection from other humans who would selfishly harm them for their own convenience or kill/use them for their own pleasure. Just as every child has a right to a mom and a dad, they have the right to be nourished through gestation to breath the free air. I request that the TxLege pass HB2197 to abolish the evil of abortion just like it did previously to abolish slavery and ownership of another individual.

Jonathan Garcia
Self
Santa Fe, TX

Abortion is premeditated. Therefore murder. There is salvation in Christ Alone through faith in Him alone. Soli Deo Gloria.

Chris Bottoms, Jr.
Self
Forney, TX

As Christians, we believe that every human life is sacred, created in the image of God from the moment of conception (Genesis 1:27; Psalm 139:13-16). Abortion ends the life of an innocent child, violating God's commandment, "You shall not murder" (Exodus 20:13). In Texas, we stand for the protection of the most vulnerable among us — the unborn — and call for the complete abolition of abortion. Upholding the sanctity of life is not merely a political stance, but a moral and spiritual imperative rooted in God's truth and love.

JAMISON FRANICH
Self
Liberty Hill, TX

All people must have equal protection as stated in the United States Constitution as it relates to the state of Texas.

Andrew Mullis

Self, Regional Manager Tesla Inc.

Weatherford, TX

Please vote to uphold equality under the law for unborn Texans. The only way to end abortion is to have equal protection for everyone. Texas may have been the last state to hear about the end of slavery and ending that terrible practice, make the great state of Texas the FIRST to end the terrible practice of abortion! Doing the right and moral thing is hard and we will be hated for it, make Texas strong by standing for what is right and moral under the law. We will all answer to God for what we have done in this life.

Sarah Mullis

Self, homemaker

Weatherford, TX

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Dalton Dobson

Abolish Abortion Texas

Crandall, TX

I strongly emplore you to sign this bill in to law. As a Texan, I wish to see our State standing in accordance with GODS law and our nations constitution in protecting the life of all humans. Stand up for the least of us, and speak for those you have no voice. Do the right thing.

Zachary Moorman

self - software engineer

Richmond, TX

An unborn child should have the same legal rights as an infant who has been born. There is denying that a human life begins at fertilization. Killing an innocent human is evil and it is murder, whether inside the womb or outside. God is merciful, and He is also just. Let us be more like Him in both exercising mercy and pursuing justice.

Morris Gleiser, Dr.

Morris Gleiser Ministries

Fate, TX

Please vote in support of this bill...and for the unborn children.

Grant Oglevie

Self

Arlington, TX

I am writing in support of HB 2197. I am asking the committee to vote on and pass this bill. This is an important bill for the rights of protection for all human beings. This bill would apply laws that already exist within the federal and state constitutions to include protection for preborn people.
Unless this bill is passed, there will continue to be a group of citizens that will be allowed to murder people who are not born. This is not right and needs to be addressed and rectified. I am grateful for the protection I receive from our laws and desire the same for every person.
Abortion is still happening legally in our state and is a great blemish on our laws, our society, and our standing before God. This bill would end legal abortion in our great state and save thousands of babies every year. I implore you to do the right thing and vote on and pass this bill.
The reality of abortion is that thousands upon thousands of babies are being legally murdered every year. This is the most important issue of our day. It is how I decide who to vote for. I only vote for abortion abolitionists because I want my representative(s) to stand for the protection of all people.
Abortion must be abolished. My hope and desire is that the state of Texas, which I love, will be the leader in our United States of America in protecting and providing justice for all people. My hope, desire, and demand is that, when abortion is no longer legal, we will look back at this time and place in history and find brave men and women who fought for freedom and the right to life of every individual. Let us stand together, pass this bill, and end abortion now.

Glenda Smith

Self and all Christians

Point, TX

If a woman came to you and asked you to help her kill her 3 month old child, or child of any age, would you help? According to the Bible, which is GODS word, life begins at conception. Abortion pills are murder just as much as abortions. GODS word, not mine

Madeline White

Self/Sales Rep

Austin, TX

Hello, I am a resident of Austin, Texas and I am pleading with you to vote in favor of HB 2197 to protect the lives of thousands of unborn children. I believe we have made this issue a lot harder than it truly is. It’s scientifically and biblically true that life begins at conception. If human life begins at conception, that being is a member of the human species. If it’s a member of the human species, it deserves human rights, and the most basic human right is the right to life. The fundamental reason the government was instituted was to protect the innocent and punish the evildoer, and it has been neglecting its duty for far too long. We have been calling evil, good and good, evil. People will bring up all sorts of arguments as to why abortion is a “right,” but we all know deep down that’s just not true. The way you were conceived still makes you a human, the fact that you might grow up in less than desirable circumstances…still human, if you have a disability… still human. If you apply the pro abortion logic to any born child you sound ABSURD. Unfortunately, we are falling into the same tricky deception that some people are less valuable than other people, and therefore we get to do with those people what we want. Value does not come from skin color (slavery), race or religion (Holocaust), social groups (caste systems), size, level of development, environment, or degree of dependency (abortion). We are not learning from our history, upholding our constitution, and most importantly we are in rebellion to God. Thankfully we serve a God who is slow to anger and gives us time to repent, but we must. We must repent of child sacrifice. Judgment is coming for our nation if we do not turn from this wickedness. We can try to increase our military, secure our walls, devise all the worldly wise plans that we want, but God will destroy our nation one day if we do not turn from this evil. Texas has a great opportunity to make history and partner with God to abolish the greatest human evil ever done. 25,000 + children will die in Texas alone this year if we do not vote for this bill and you all will be responsible for it. Their blood will be on your hands, so I hope that you vote wisely, that you seek God, that you recognize there will be an eternal judgment one day for the things we do here on Earth. Thank you

Gabriella Galan
Self
Shallowater, TX

Stopping illegal abbortions in Texas

C S Jackson
Self
Athens, TX

Every living human, born or unborn, deserves equal protection under the law. Artificially and arbitrarily drawn timelines do not define a living human. From conception, a human being is a person. Our survival as a state, and indeed, the human race depends on it. Many habitats and species in our state enjoy special protections under our laws with harsh penalties for those who break them. But, why not our unborn in the womb? Stop the legal murder of our innocents. Protect our future Texans before thousands more die and prosecute those who murder them at their most defenseless moment of life.

Caryn Oglevie
Self, stay at home mom
Arlington, TX

I am writing in to share my support of HB 2197. Many Texans, including myself, desire for this bill to be voted on and to pass. In our great state, 25,000+ prenatal humans are deprived of equal justice every year, under the cover of law. Human life begins at fertilization, and it is unjust to give mothers special rights to murder their own children. The same laws that protect me should also protect the child in my womb. God's law commands us to stand up for the oppressed and to rescue those being led to the slaughter; The Republican Party stands on life, liberty, and freedom; And for me, pursuing life, liberty, and freedom doesn't amount to anything unless it's for every human, including those in the womb.

In Texas, it should be illegal to murder anyone.

Benna Askew
Self (Retired Speech Language Pathologist)
Lubbock, TX

Protect our unborn children.

Maggie Wright
Self. Retired
Burleson, TX

I support HB 2197, and want the committee to vote on and pass the bill.
Thousands of abortions still happen LEGALLY in Texas! This bill is the only way to end legal abortion in our state.
Human life begins at fertilization, and is worthy of equal protection under the law.
The same laws that protect you and me should protect babies in the womb.
This is the right thing to do under God's law, it is part of the Republican Platform, and is a major priority for grassroots conservatives in Texas.
Abortion is murder! Thank you!
Maggie Wright

Brad Newland
Self - financial advisor
Houston, TX

Abortion is an egregious assault on the most marginalized minority in the history of the world - the individual. The individual has sanctity of life and that beings at conception. A conception of life will not become anything but a human, so to deny rights because of location is severely prejudice against the individual life of another.

Jeff Jackson
Self
Athens, TX

I am in support of HB 2197 to protect the lives of the unborn and to prosecute anyone who tries or succeeds in taking these lives. As Texans, our history has fought for others to secure a safe life and ensure liberty for those who have walked this beautiful State we call home. Please preserve the right for life to be enjoyed by future generations of Texans that have yet been born.

David Biggs
Self
Houston, TX

I support the passing of HB 2197. Life begins at fertilization and all human life should have equal protections under the law.

Charles Byrn
Self
Dalhart, TX

It's time to be a real red state and end abortion. We owe to our unborn children getting slaughtered.

Jason Brown
Self
Katy, TX

I am in support of HB2197. I want the committee to pass this. Abortion is murder, and it must end. Children in the womb deserve life and protection, just as the law should serve to uphold and protect lives across the board. We have a responsibility to protect life, as it belongs to God.

Timothy Stanley
Self
Big Sandy, TX

Hello, I would to give my 100% support for hb 2197 to be passed.
As a life long Texan who had to put up with the slaughter of unborn babies in Texas due to roe vs wade federal law. Now that has been overthrown I believe it’s time that we stand up for unborn babies once and for all. Not just 80% or 90%, but 100%. It should be a criminal act to use any form to kill a unborn baby in this state. That criminal act should carry minimum prison sentence for such an act.
I pray that God will forgive us for the years we let it take place in this nation. We have a chance know to do something about it. So please pass this bill! Let’s get it done!
I pray God will touch the hearts and’s minds of every person voting on this Bill and it will pass now!
In the name of Jesus/ Yeshua amen.
Thanks,
Tim Stanley

Sally Tutor, Mrs.
self, home-maker
Burnet, TX

I am commenting in support of HB 2197 by Money. Life begins at fertilization, and Texas law offers protection for every life except those who have committed specific crimes, yet we allow the murder of the unborn child. No one should be able to murder anyone without being held accountable. in Texas, over 25,000 unborn children are still being killed legally each year. This is a travesty, especially since the Texas Republican Platform clearly states that one of our planks is to end abortion in Texas. HB 2197 would put an end to loop-holes, and would give the same protection of life to the unborn as Texas law does for you and me. God's word commands us to stand for the helpless; a child in the womb surely fits that description. I am asking you to vote on and pass HB 2197.

Denise Wilson
Self
Canyon Lake, TX

My money! No one has a right to Murder, or ever use my money doing it.

Olivia Strozier
Self, marketing coordinator
Cypress, TX

Human life begins at conception and we must protect their right to life from this point forward. In the United States we are granted certain unalienable rights one of which being life.

Teresa Rodriguez
Self
San Antonio, TX

Please protect the lives of the innocent children who have no voice. An unborn child in the womb can still feel pain.

Kandice Cruz
Self
San Antonio, TX

I want to urge the members of this committee and our representatives to support this bill. There is no one in more need of protection than our unborn children. Every baby is a gift from God and their life is so precious.

Nichole Jordan
Self
San Antonio, TX

We need to protect the rights of the unborn.

Carla McIntosh, Ms.
Self
Ponder, TX

My Representative is Andy Hopper

Jesus Salgado
Jesus Christ
Big Spring, TX

Dear Criminal Jurisprudence Committee,

On Tuesday, April 22, 2025, you are presented with a historic opportunity—not just for Texas, but for our nation. You will have the chance to pass a bill that would bring about the immediate abolition of abortion in Texas. This is your moment to do what is right before the Lord and end the slaughter of innocent preborn children.

This bill is not complicated. You either believe that preborn babies are human beings deserving protection, or you don't. You either believe that God forbids murder, or you don't. You either believe God calls you to oppose evil, or you don't. But know this: your decision will bear fruit—either judgment or blessing.

This week, my wife and I read Psalm 94, which weighed heavily on my heart as I considered the significance of your role. I urge you to consider the words of the Lord:

"They slay the widow and the stranger, and murder the fatherless. Yet they say, The LORD shall not see… Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowship with thee, which frameth mischief by a law?… They gather themselves together against the soul of the righteous, and condemn the innocent blood. But the LORD is my defence; and my God is the rock of my refuge. And he shall bring upon them their own iniquity."
—Psalm 94 (KJV, excerpts)

Psalm 94 is a sober warning to those who rule unjustly—those who pass laws that condemn the innocent and protect the guilty. It is a call to fear God and to establish justice, for He sees all and repays all according to His righteousness.

Romans 13 calls you a servant of God. You are appointed to bear the sword—not for vanity, but for justice. You are to punish evil and protect the innocent. Will you wield that sword rightly, or will you wield it in vain? These are not just political questions—they are spiritual ones, and you will answer them before the Lord.

If you reject this bill and refuse to protect the preborn, you stand in rebellion against God. But if you pass this bill, you will do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly before your God.

I urge you to support HB 2197 and pass it through your committee. Consider your duty to the Lord and obey His commands. If you do, He will bless your work. If you don't, you will face the consequences of defying Him.

Act justly. Act boldly. Act in obedience.

Sincerely,
Jesus Salgado

Nathan Eleweanya, Mr.
Self
Sugar Land, TX

The Triune, true and living God, The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit known through Christ Jesus, the resurrected King of Heaven and Earth. He has made you representatives of this great state to uphold Justice and promote the general welfare of all Texas citizens.

Abortion by no means promotes the general welfare of the would be citizens slaughtered in their own mothers' wombs. The pills distributed and taken to end their lives in utero are so done by agents acting with malice aforethought to end the lives of innocent children who are made in God's image. Stop making excuses to allow this barbarian act to continue. The legal system is strong enough with due process already in place to weigh case by case how culpable those responsible are. Pass this bill and do your duty before God Almighty to uphold His standards on behalf of your constituents. Thank you.

JAMES PETERSON, Mr.
Self
Denison, TX

I support this bill!

Gloria Demers, Ms
Self
New Braunfels, TX

Please let’s stop this holocaust of our unborn !

Davis C.
Self (Engineer)
Dumas, TX

I absolutely and completely support HB2197 which will finally protect the rights of people in the womb before they are born. I strongly support the committee from voting on, and passing HB2197.

Abortion has always had many definitions, restrictions and loopholes. The only way to truly protect unborn babies is to give them the same rights as all people. If we don't support unborn babies having the same rights, then we are implicitly saying that unborn babies do not deserve life. All human life begins at conception, and our laws must reflect that. Unborn babies deserve it, and we should protect the most vulnerable members of our entire species. It doesn't matter what other people think. It's our responsibility to do the right thing by God, and by common human decency. We should not have the right to murder people so our lives can be more convenient or comfortable.

Please vote on this bill (HB2197), support it, and get it passed. This is absolutely a critical bill for me, and I hope you make it critical too.

Kurtis Conner, Mr.
Self
Commerce, TX

I believe, as a Texan whom yall represent, it to be morally reprehensible for any society that claims to be civilized to participate in or permit the murder of its offspring. If we engage in such practices, are we truly civilized, or are we behaving worse than even animals, which generally protect their young?

Kelli Flanagan
Self, editor
San Antonio, TX

I support this bill. We need to abolish the practice of legal murder of unborn human life. We can do this.

Dawn Tucker, Mrs
Self
Luling, TX

I have been involved for many years in the pro life movement to make the safest place for a child to be their mother’s womb. I have seen the chopped up parts of a sweet innocent baby and it has to stop. What right do we have to choose whether or not another human being has a chance at life?!

Ashley Bedison
Self/SAHM
Justin, TX

I had an abortion at 14 years old and I've never regretted anything more in my entire life. They say that abortion is a solution of some sort, it is not. I was tormented every day of my life over this decision until I repented and Jesus saved my soul. Not a day goes by that I don't wish I had my child here on earth with me. I've met many women with similar testimonies. We need to stop lying to women about abortion. Abortion hurts women and it is murder.

Nathan Irving
Self/ Battle Cry Construction, LLC
Wills Point, TX

Murder should not be legal under any circumstance. Since the Bible and science both clearly teach that life begins at conception, a person cannot be a good Christian or a rationally consistent individual while also permitting abortion. In Texas, the mother is exempted from criminal liability, if she takes the life of her preborn child. This bill would simply make current law consistent with biblical principle and scientific evidence. As a Christian, I call my fellow believers who fear God to bear in mind that we will all give an account for the deeds done on earth. The God who cares for the weak and innocent will not look with favor on those to whom He has given power to carry out His beneficent will, but who fail to do so. But what delight He must take in those who do what is right with what they have been given. As a patriot and USMC veteran, I call my fellow Americans to turn from cruelty and cowardice. Protecting the most vulnerable is the most basic task of manliness and virtue. Protecting, on the other hand, those who murder babies in the womb is not essentially different from concealing a terrorist who strapped bombs on children. We must stop making victims out of mothers who slay their babies. Nothing should be able to excuse such an act contrary both to the law of God and nature. Finally, there is forgiveness and peace through the Lord Jesus Christ. Turn to Him today, while the offer of pardon is still available. Very soon, He is returning; not as He came at His first advent, but as a conquering King. How do you think you will stand before Him if you waiver or rebel in cases such as this? True hearted Christians: be strong and courageous.

Emily Kneipp
Self
Conroe, TX

I fully support this bill to protect our most vulnerable, those without voices being led to the slaughter. Please vote to protect life and not to destroy or look the other way under the lie of choice.

Marco Gonzalez
Self
Houston, TX

Killing embryos is destroying society. Abolish abortion! Stop the mailing of pills into Texas that kill babies.

Linda Long, Retired/self
Self/retired
Baytown, TX

Pls abolish abortion in Texas. Every abortion slaughters an innocent human child.

Stella Taylor
Self/retired
Eden, TX

The heinous ungodly act of abortion needs to be declared illegal. Regardless of the rights women think they have, this murderous act will live with them forever physically, emotionally and spiritually. I speak from having lived it. Humanity is created in Gods image and the truth is that only HE carries the right to both life and death. Whether one believes that doesn't change that abortion is a murderous act for convenience sake instead of bringing forth an innocent being/child that had no involvement in the act leading to his or her pregnancy. Ban abortion statewide and set an example for other states.to follow. Than you.

Stephany Espinosa Sparks
Self
Houston, TX

All human life is valuable and deserving of protection regardless of stage of development, location, level of dependency, sex, religion, socio economic status, or any other factor aside from being a human being. I support this bill because the laws of the great State of Texas must protect life, especially the lives of persons in circumstances of vulnerability or who are unable to express or defend themselves.

Marion Lee McGlothlin
Self
Keller, TX

Abortion wrecked my life until I reached out for help with healing. The taking of another's life should not even be an option.

Stephanie Moore, Mrs.
Self
Grandview, TX

Dear Sir or Madam,
I respectfully ask that you consider what is really at stake here. We are talking about a human life and we are talking about the rights of each human being. We already have laws on the books that should cover this. We are talking about murder. I am not speaking as one unfamiliar with abortion. Several years ago I had multiple abortions. I was not interested in the rights of my child. I was interested in living my life for myself. Thank you for listening. We cannot remain committed to the destruction of other human beings. God bless you.

Richard Marques, Mr.
Self
Houston, TX

I'm writing in support of HB 2197. I wish to have this bill voted forward out of committee. I've been an advocate for pro-life measures in strongly believe that life begins at conception and we must protect the pre-born baby. There are no laws currently to deal with this situation of pre-board protection and HB2197 will accomplish this very task and protect the most innocent people in our society.

Katelyn Anderson
Self
Spring, TX

You must vote to protect the rights of unborn children and END all abortions in Texas!

Gina Heath
Self
Friendswood, TX

Texas is supposed to be a pro life state. This bill should be passed to protect the life of the unborn. We put people that murder others in jail.

Rabecca Earhart, Ms
Self Landman
Houston, TX

God created each child to share His Kingdom on Earth as it is in Heaven. Abortion is criminal, terrorism on who gains a full life and rebuttals God's truth.

Megan Collins, Mrs.
self
Spring, TX

I'm writing you in support of HB 2197. In Texas we believe in the moral worth of each and every individual. This includes preborn children. HB 2197 protects preborn children from the 19,000 abortions that are still happening annually in Texas by closing the legal loophole that allows self-managed abortion. HB 2197 is right in line with the Republican Party platform which calls on the legislature to provide equal protection. It is time for Texas to stop discriminating against preborn children. This bill does what the Bible demands of legislatures to do - establish justice. I support HB 2197.

Stanley THORNTON, Dr
Self
LUBBOCK, TX

This is horrific bill. Watch or read A Handmaids Tale for reference. Leave women to make their own choices, you madmen.

Ari Kukushkin
Self, GIS Analyst
Austin, TX

Dear Representative,

I am writing as a concerned citizen to express my strong opposition to House Bill 2197. If passed, this bill will put countless people, especially women, in danger.

This legislation would force women to carry unwanted or unsafe pregnancies, removing their right to make personal medical decisions. It would also force parenthood on men who may not be prepared or willing. People will continue to seek abortions regardless of legality, just as people continue to use substances like marijuana, even when illegal. The result is not fewer abortions, just more dangerous ones.

When access to safe, legal abortion is restricted, people suffer. An estimated 68,000 women die each year from unsafe abortions. Making abortion illegal does not stop abortion, it only stops safe abortions. Laws like HB 2197 risk making an already difficult situation deadly.

If the goal is to reduce abortions, then support access to education, contraception, healthcare, and social safety nets — not criminalization. Do not criminalize a woman's right to choose. I am frustrated by the direction our government is taking. I do not feel protected or represented by this bill.

Please do not support HB 2197. Protect the health, rights, and futures of your constituents.

Sincerely,

Ari Kukushkin

Pat Hastings III
Self - Software Developer
Lago Vista, TX

While in the Middle East on a trip to visit Israel and the West Bank, among the oldest excavations I saw were those of Canaanite towns. In some of the ruins are places that were dedicated to the literal slaughter and blood sacrifice of children to their pagan deity Molech. All of us today, if we consider ourselves to be a part of a civilized and humane society, should rightly recoil in horror at the thought that this ever was actually happening to our fellow human beings.

Now here we are on the other side of the world over three thousand years later. Yet how far have we really progressed?

Fortunately, here in Texas we still consider the murder of newborn children, otherwise known as post-birth infanticide, to be a completely unacceptable heinous and illegal deed. But finding it possible within our hearts to condone legal loopholes to continue to abort babies, which is pre-birth infanticide, is something we must all vigorously reject.

We must instead take action together to stop such a grossly inhuman and horrific act. Post-birth infanticide and pre-birth infanticide—abortion—are both great moral evils that should never be legitimized or legal or otherwise allowed in a civilized society.

There is always room for improvement in our response to all women and children in need—sometimes dire need. I don't minimize in any way the responsibility for us to find ways to do all we can to help them. But we must not continue in the unspeakable travesty of somehow mistaking murder for ministration.

If we can callously continue to stand by and countenance the slaughter of the innocent and not give them equal protection with the rest of us, what has happened to us as a society? As a civilization? Truly, where is our humanity?

I ask you, I implore you, to help the most helpless among us and take positive action on House Bill 2197 to bring an end to the killing of our children.

Janet Harvey Nevala
Self/Writer
Georgetown, TX

It is insulting that after years of demonstrated and widely reported harm caused by the Texas abortion ban - including a sharp rise in maternal and infant mortality and at least 4 preventable deaths - that this committee would even give HB 2197 a hearing. It is cruel and unspeakable that you would consider prosecuting a woman whose pregnancy has ended with murder.

This bill betrays a basic ignorance of biology and platforms a dangerous and false narrative that life begins at conception. This is not the case. About 10-20% of all known pregnancies end in miscarriage (that's the official number - the actual number of unreported miscarriages is likely higher.) Are you going to prosecute these women as well?

Pregnant Texans already face a stark reality in our current maternal healthcare crisis: forcing them to also risk prosecution is sadistic. How much more confusion, suffering, and cruelty do anti-abortion extremists and their bad legislation have to inflict before our leaders put a stop to it? I urge you to oppose this bill.

Sincerely,
Janet Harvey

Asher Sisneros
Self, and student
Dayton, TX

Representatives of Texas,

Over the past decade, this legislature has continued to file pro-life bills to defend the lives of all unborn Texans. Sadly, Roe v. Wade (1973) prohibited most of those bills from taking effect, forcing this legislature to use creative means to defend the unborn.

The Heartbeat Bill (2021) was a tremendous victory for the people of Texas and many thanks are offered to state Senator Bryan Hughes, Representative Shelby Slawson, attorney Scott A. Keller, and all the state senators and representatives who voted for the bill.

However, now that Roe has been overturned, Texas must update its pro-life policy. Now this legislature can defend the unborn—from the point of conception—without legal ramifications.

HB2197 is by far the most pro-life bill filed this session. Passing it is an opportunity for Texas to set itself apart from the rest of the nation and lead the way towards a more principled, pro-life country.

God bless,
Asher K. Sisneros

Nicole Truesdell
self, homemaker, publisher
Gainesville, TX

I am a 53 year old mother of five children, and grandmother of two. I was born in 1972 to a 14-year-old girl in Dallas, Texas. As you know, this was before Roe v. Wade. However, my grandmother still encouraged my mother to abort me. Thankfully my mother refused. I am so grateful to be alive today, but there are millions of babies who were not spared. My mother is glad she kept me. My grandmother and I had the best relationship! She was glad that I was born, too. And my five children and two grandchildren are here today because I was given life.

My life might not have looked like it would be ideal, but that didn't matter. I was given a chance. All babies deserve a chance to be born. They can only voice their thankfulness if they are given the chance. They can grow up to be moms and dads, and eventually grandparents, too.

For too long, America has ended the life of its own citizens before they had a chance to have life. We must end this genocide now. We must abolish abortion in Texas. Please give HB 2197 a hearing, and please vote YES to pass it out of committee.

Just as we remember the heroic work of William Wilberforce, who tirelessly championed the end of slavery in England, we will remember those legislators in Austin who boldly stood for the lives of Texas babies. Thank you!

Nikolas Hook
Self
Cedar Park, TX

In 1998 there were reported 884,273 abortions that took place in this country all of which had to have the willing consent of the mother to murder the baby. I am grateful not to have been one of the 800,000 murdered but I know well as most people know that if my mother had felt different and viewed me a burden I would be just another statistic without a name. Right now mothers are able to murder their own babies via abortion pills that can be delivered discreetly by mail in all 50 states including Texas. While it may be logistically impossible to stop all abortions what's not impossible is to equally value the unborn to the born. If I was to be murdered today and my case never be solved and the murderer never get caught that wouldn't change the fact that murder is still illegal in Texas and that the state of Texas has the full authority and right to bring my murderer to Justice. Right now we allow murderers to swallow a pill that murders their offspring with impunity. Sold on this lie that women are victims we allow them to continue to add to millions of babies dead because of abortion in this country since 1973. Believing that the mother is the victim in an abortion is like believing that guy who's drunk behind the wheel of a car that plows into someone is the victim. The victims are the babies our state fails to protect. Abortion affects everyone! You and I have both lost friends, colleagues, and future generations to the most dehumanizing form of murder to the point where most die without something as simple as name. My name is Nikolas Hook here to speak for those who didn't get the privilege to have a name and for those in future who will have a name. You have the power to ensure that every pre-born has a right to a name, a right to life that is protected by our God given government and the ability to seek justice for those whom this right is violated.

Leighton Eaves
Self, forensic auditor
Irving, TX

I am saddened that abortion is still legally performed on over 25,000 babies in Texas each year. Therefore I strongly support HB 2197 and urge the committee to vote one and pass the bill.
Human life begins at conception and ALL humans should have the same protection under the law. I believe it should be illegal for everyone to murder anyone. This is the right thing to do according to God's law, and is a priority for grassroots conservatives in Texas as myself.
Thank you for moving forward on this bill.

David Curtis
Self - Musician
Houston, TX

Unborn children are the most vulnerable and innocent human beings in our society. We have a duty to protect them by law in the same way that we have a duty to protect born babies. Any attempt to argue that an unborn baby is not a human being or less of a human being than a born baby is a gross form of dehumanization and contrary to basic biology and reason. The only way to be consistent in our claims to value innocent and vulnerable human life is to support this bill. There should be no immunity for those who cause an unborn child to be murdered.

Rosemarie Thomas
Self/Pediatric registered nurse
Pearland, TX

Dear Criminal Jurisprudence committee members, I want to express my support for HB 2197. I believe that all humans from the moment of conception on, are created in the image of God and should have equal protection of life as all other individuals.
Thank you for allowing this bill to be heard.

Michael Pendergrass
Self
Cypress, TX

Texas has the opportunity to be the first state to abolish abortion and bring justice to the unborn. This Bill is the most important legislation of our lifetime. The blood of the innocent crys out to God. His face is turned against us, we are under His judgment, His patience with us will not last.
"So when you spread out your hands in prayer, I will hide My eyes from you; indeed, even though you multiply prayers, I will not listen. Your hands are full of blood. Wash yourselves, purify yourselves; remove the evil of your deeds from before My eyes. Cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, reprove the ruthless, execute justice for the orphan, plead for the widow. Come now, and let us reason together, Says Yahweh, Though your sins are as scarlet, They will be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They will be like wool. If you are willing and obey, You will eat the best of the land; But if you refuse and rebel, You will be eaten by the sword. For the mouth of Yahweh has spoken. How the faithful city has become a harlot, She who was full of justice! Righteousness once lodged in her, But now murderers." Isaiah 1:15-21
God won't even listen to our prayers, when we allow murderers of the innocent to walk freely. God demands justice without partiality. Nobody has the right to murder a child, not a doctor, not a father, and not a mother. We need to trust in God and not the world. The world says that a baby is just a clump of cells. The Word of God says that a couple of weeks after Jesus was conceived John the Baptist leapt in the womb, in His presence. Life begins at conception, this is not only biblical but a biological fact. If the child is not alive there would be no desire to kill it. I am begging you, to make the right decision. Spare Texas from God's wrath. If we pass this Bill it will be historic, other states will be bold and follow us. Instead of God's wrath we will receive his blessings. Future generations will look back at the evil we have done and point to April 22-2025 at the decision you make, as the moment that changed everything.

Brian Jensen, Pastor
Grace Family Church
Pearland, TX

I am writing as a pastor and representative of Grace Family Church in Pearland, Texas, in support of HB 2197, relating to the protection of an unborn child's rights and criminal liability and justification for prohibited conduct. We want to communicate our strong support of this bill, and ask that you represent the will of your constituents and your duty before God to vote in favor of this bill after the hearing on Tuesday.

As you know, human life begins at the moment of fertilization. Preborn babies are therefore worthy of equal protection under the law. More than 25,000 babies are legally murdered in their mothers' wombs on Texas soil each year. It is critical that we stop this travesty. This bill would do that very thing. We believe it should be illegal for everyone to murder anyone.Laws are rightfully in place that protect human life after birth. The same should be in place for our preborn neighbors. We urge you to stand with the people of Texas and help to end abortion in our state.

Thank you,
Brian Jensen, Pastor
Grace Family Church
Pearland, TX

Claire Haney
Self, small business owner
San Antonio, TX

This bill is draconian and aims at Texans who are not breaking any laws. It will make receiving life saving medical care more difficult and pregnancy more dangerous. Vote no.

Jenn Mack Raphoon
Self
Conroe, TX

The topic of abortion should be dealt with the same as Scott and Laci Peterson. Because the death of her baby (while still in her womb) was at the hands of the father, it was a crime that was tried in court. But when a baby is murdered at the hands of the mother, that spilled blood is treated like an inconvenience that needed to be dealt with. The feelings of that mother become so feared that even Christian law makers will push aside their convictions, while saying they serve a God who hates the shed of innocent blood. May this no longer be so. Stop changing the names of despicable acts to pacify the feelings of those committing them. Protect these children. Stand up men and women and protect the innocent, lest the blood of the innocent leaves a stain on your hands you can never wash off as you face a judge that can never be bought.

Phyllis Patrick
Self
Austin, TX

I support passing HB 2197. No loopholes where abortion is concerned please.

Dennis London
self
Rockwall, TX

I strongly support HB 2197 by Representative Brent Money.

This bill rightly recognizes that every human life from the moment of fertilization is created in the image of God and deserves the full protection of our laws. HB 2197 aligns with the U.S. Constitution's promise of equal protection under the law and closes the dangerous loopholes that have allowed chemical abortions to quietly continue in our state, even as surgical abortions have been outlawed.

Each year, over 25,000 unborn children are killed in Texas through abortion-inducing drugs. These aren't just numbers, they are lives. HB 2197 ensures that these vulnerable children (not lumps of cells or a clump of flesh) are no longer treated as exceptions under the Penal Code and Civil Practice statutes. The bill also protects mothers by affirming that unintentional harm due to miscarriage or emergency procedures will not be criminalized. This is a balanced, moral, and legally sound approach.

By repealing outdated or contradictory statutes (like Penal Code Sections 19.06 and 22.12), this bill reinforces that life is a right, not a political negotiation. Texas must continue to lead the nation in defending life.

I urge every member of this committee to support HB 2197 and to stand on the side of truth, justice, and life.

Robert Hancock, Mister
Self State Employee Heavy Equipment
Carrizo Springs, TX

Abortion by God's Law is murder. This is blood on the hands of the population who side with murder of human life. This is not political conflict but it is Spiritual and satan is driving this black train. In the end time where will we as christians stand at judgement day? Are you for God and everlasting life or with satan and forever in Hell? Abolish abortion and obey God's laws.

Perry Hubert, Mr.
Self. Civil Engineer.
San Antonio, TX

I would like to see HB 2197 become the law of the land in Texas to end abortion which I do not consider healthcare or a woman's right. An unborn child is person made in the image of God and is a gift from God. God's law commands us not to murder and murder is ending life and an unborn child in the womb is a living human being which should be afforded the same rights as other Texas residents. Please do all you humanly can to help HB 2197 become the law in Texas to stop the approximately 25,000 abortions (murders) each year that take place in TX. Thank you so much for your consideration of this sincere request and may God richly bless you as you continue to serve the people of Texas & I thank for your leadership & service.

Bri Loftis
Self - CPA; former biologist.
Plano, TX

Every conception is a potential human being - I say potential, because some pregnancies do not progress to term naturally and the fetus dies. But every conception is a living being from the moment of conception and has the right to live until birth and beyond birth. Abortion is not health care or a woman's right. What about the child's right to life? In Texas, we have ample resources to help pregnant mothers financially while they are pregnant and beyond. We also have a line of couples wanting to adopt babies if the birth mother so chooses. There is no reason to abort a child.
When our founding fathers wrote the Constitution and declared our inalienable rights, they were also thinking about the unborn. We also need to remember God has created us in His image and we absolutely have no right to destroy His creation!
And any bill outlawing abortion should also contain strict consequences for disobeying the law. Anyone aborting a child when there is a law against abortion has committed murder and needs to be punished as a murderer.
Please pass HB 2197 as most Texans want you to pass this law. All voters will be informed of each House member's vote. And, if this bill does not make it out of committee, then every voter will be informed about the House members on the Committee.
We're serious - we want this bill to pass.
Thanks,
Bri Loftis

Russel Leonard
Cornerstone Baptist Church Wylie
Rowlett, TX

Thank you for taking the time to consider equal protection for the preborn. In every science book it is clear that life begins at fertilization. It's also clear that the life inside of a woman is human. All humans should be protected and given the opportunity to live. Sadly preborn humans in our nation are treated as less than people and millions have been deprived of life. The pill makes it easy to kill a preborn child from the comfort of home without having to go to the clinic. Many woman choose this path and live with regret the rest of their life. But things are changing. Many churches are preaching the truth that abortion is murder and it is evil for a mother to kill the child in the womb. The Bible teaches that through the law comes knowledge of sin. This must be proclaimed from the pulpit and it must also be applied in our state laws. God defines what is lawful and unlawful. Murder is unlawful. Our founding fathers understood this and therefore even our coins testify- In God We Trust. It's time to put our trust back in God and do what is right. Please pass this bill to protect the most vulnerable of our population.

Karen Karen, Mrs
Self
Cibolo, TX

I absolutely SUPPORT HB 2137 by Rep. Money. I stand for the rights of the unborn child. They must be protected at all cost! There must be a criminal liabilty for those who do harm!

Michelle Wilson
Self
Danbury, TX

We, in Texas, would like the murder of Babies, aka abortion, to be abolished. Each life is sacred & precious. Thank you!

Lesli Townsend, Mrs.

Self/stay at home mom

Oak Point, TX

I support abolishing abortion in Texas. Texas should lead the way in protecting the rights of the unborn, our most vulnerable citizens. Thank you.

Jermiah Polk

Self, college student

Melissa, TX

My name is Jermiah Polk. I am a biochemistry student, an abortion abolitionist, and a Christian. I am writing in support of House Bill 2197, and I entreat you to likewise support this bill as an outworking of your God-given duty to reward good, to punish evil (Romans 13:1-5), to seek justice, and to correct oppression (Isaiah 1:16-17). More than 25,000 abortions are still happening legally on Texas soil each year, and this bill is the best and only way to ensure that legal abortion does not continue in our state. Human life begins at fertilization, and all humans are worthy of equal protection under the law. The same laws that protect us and everyone else ought to be applied equally to preborn children. This is the right thing to do under God's law, which says, "You shall not pervert justice. You shall not show partiality, and you shall not accept a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and subverts the cause of the righteous" (Deut. 16:19; c.f., Lev. 19:15; Prov. 18:5, 24:23; Isa. 5:20-23). Moreover, this is a priority issue among grassroots conservatives in Texas and part of the Republican platform. We believe that it should be illegal for everyone to murder anyone. I plead with you to defend the cause of the innocent and the oppressed among us, to honor God, and to establish justice with a "yes" vote on House Bill 2197.

Regina Fulmer

Self / Administrative Assistant

San Antonio, TX

I am in support of HB 2197, to provide protection to babies in the womb. Currently, tens of thousands of children are being Legally murdered in Texas each year. This genocide is being committed against those who have no voice: our pre-born neighbors. Our laws should never allow murder to be legal for anyone. This bill is the right thing to do before God, and I urge the committee to vote and pass HB 2197. Thank you.

Diana Hawley

Self - Homemaker

San Antonio, TX

I am commenting in Support of HB 2197 and believe it is vital that the committee vote and pass this bill. Providing protection to the most vulnerable among us (pre-born children) is the right thing to do before God, and our laws should protect these innocent lives beginning at fertilization. Thank you.

John Crow

Self - Concrete supervisor

Tyler, TX

I hold that the life of a human organism starts at conception as a zygote. We ought to uphold uphold their God-given right to life and repent of the evil genocide we are committing. I do not believe the size or dependence of a human dictates their moral value, for we are all created in the image of God. In submission to the summation of the moral law, to love God with all of your heart, soul, and mind. Whole loving your neighbor as yourself. May we love our unborn neighbors by protecting them from murder as well.

Ethan Southard

Self

Pasadena, TX

Pass it through committee!!!

Suzette Holley
Self
Houston, TX

I strongly support HB2197.
Equal rights for the unborn - understanding the mother is no longer is given an out to commit abortion. The unborn have the same rights as the born. Pre-Roe moms were not going to jail or prison for abortion.

Byron Forbes
Self, retired finance executive
The Woodlands, TX

History has not been kind to civilizations that practice infanticide.
Nature abhors a vacuum, if you abort 70 million potential contributing citizen, what fills that gap? Legal and Illegal aliens. Since Congress has yet to do things to allow guest workers that even Costa Rica has figured out how to do. We effectively create and require illegals to preserve our population growth and economy.
Murder of the unborn is a stain on our country, I encourage you to pass bill HB 2197.
Thanks you.

Dan Truitt, Dr.
Self - Minister and Counselor
WYLIE, TX

Please vote for this bill to protect unborn children under the same Texas laws that protect you and me. Even though Texas has outlawed abortion clinics, there are still 25,000 abortions performed legally because of the chemical abortion pill. These little ones are made in the image of God like you and me, and they deserve our protection. I believe the murder of any human being should be judged by the same by the laws. Thank you.

Xina Jones
Self
Lantana, TX

Life is created by God and starts at conception. We are committing an egregious sin against our creator when we allow innocent life to be taken. We should do everything humanly possible to protect the unborn in the womb. I pray the government of Texas, appointed by our creator God to serve the people, enforce the criminalization of abortion and protect ALL it's citizens.

Gerry Webb
Myself
Melissa, TX

To Whom It May Concern,

I am asking for your support to save our children and abolish abortion in this state.

Please help to stop murdering our children.

Thank you,
Gerry Webb
Tx born, voter for over 50 years

Jacob Miller
Self
Temple, TX

I SUPPORT HB 2197 AND WANT IT PASSED OUT OF COMMITTEE

Chairman and committee,

Many people will appeal to your mercies regarding this bill. They will appeal to you as a magistrate in a position of honor, they will appeal to you to do what is just and right before God, BECAUSE it is just and right.

Over the last 9 years we abolitionists have been to committees, and have seen around 40 bills killed many of which went to committee and were killed by pro life republicans.

Our movement growing and we will continue to grow, but until then the only thing that will hold us back will be the sin of men. The sin of pro life Republican magistrates that claim the name of Christ.

So I speak to you, not as a magistrate worthy of honor, but of dishonor because we've been around the block a couple times. I believe it's more likely that you have back room deals and lie to people than it is that you do the righteous and just thing.

It's a very reasonable thing for me to believe this because history has shown it such.

In 2019 Jeff Leach killed the bill in his committee. Since then, over A QUARTER MILLION have been slaughtered without JUSTICE In Texas ALONE. Will it be another 6 years until the next committee?
Right now, when you have the chance to do everything in your power to provide justice, you need to pass this. Because when you don't the blood of every single child that dies after this bill is on YOUR hands. And the living God says he HATES your WORSHIP and doesn't HEAR your PRAYERS.

Isaiah 1:14-15
"Your new moons and your appointed feasts
my soul hates;
they have become a burden to me;
I am weary of bearing them.
15 When you spread out your hands,
I will hide my eyes from you;
even though you make many prayers,
I will not listen;
your hands are full of blood."

Fear this reality that is spoken of by the prophet Isaiah TO THE PEOPLE OF GOD ABOUT THEIR RESPONSE TO CHILD SACRIFICE.

Do NOT disobey Christ when he says to "love your neighbor as yourself". Will you have the SAME penalties that PROTECT you from murder ALSO protect human beings in the womb?

This is an opportunity for repentance from you sir. God has laid a great gift before you, will you take this opportunity to ABOLISH child sacrifice like King Josiah? Or will you be judged as a wicked ruler and turn your eyes from child sacrifice?

Will the God who you claim DIED for your sins HATE your worship?!??

Andrew Jones
Self
Lantana, TX

The Word of God states that “there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God”; therefore, all of you who are in positions of authority are to uphold justice, because you have been appointed by God to do so.

At this point in time, it is a first degree felony to commit murder in the state of Texas. First degree murder, as it is defined, involves intentionally or knowingly causing the death of an individual, or intending serious bodily injury and committing an act clearly dangerous to human life that causes death. There is no denying the scientific fact that human life begins at conception. It has its own unique DNA, and is a separate individual from the mother. To end the life of the child in the womb is an act clearly dangerous to human life that causes death. It is murder.

It is also worth noting that felony charges, according to Texas Penal Code Section 15.03, also extends to the individual that intentionally induces another person to commit a felony in the first degree. That means any individual that hires someone to murder another person is to be criminally charged. Any mother that brings her child to an abortionist to be executed is no different than a person hiring a hitman to murder another human.

It is time to be consistent with the laws that are already in the books. Since you are appointed servants of God (Romans 13:4), it is your responsibility to do what is right and hold criminals accountable. You yourselves will also be held accountable one day, when you stand before Christ, the King of kings and Lord of lords (Romans 2:16).

Colleen Rodriguez
Self Registered Nurse
Spring Branch, TX

To those in authority who by the people, have the ability to save thousands, possibly millions of lives in the years ahead in the state of Texas alone. Voting against this bill will allow children in the womb to continue to die at the hand of their mothers, and their blood is on your hands. Proverbs 24: 11-12 NKJV states "Deliver those who are drawn toward death, And hold back those stumbling to the slaughter. If you say, "Surely we did not know this," Does not HE who weighs the hearts consider it? He who keeps your soul, does He not know it? And will He not render to each man according to his deeds?" Human life begins at fertilization, and is worthy of equal protection under the law. Our smallest and youngest brothers and sisters should not be ignored or diminished. The same laws that protect you and me should protect babies in the womb. If it is against the law for a mother to murder her one year old, then we should have policies in place for women to be held responsible for killing children in the womb. Around 25,000+ abortions still happen LEGALLY on TEXAS soil every year! This bill is the only way to end the legal abortion in our state. Our smallest and youngest brothers and sisters should not be ignored or diminished. Women who murder their babies should not be exempted from criminal prosecution, and due justice should be able to fairly judge women who truly have no control over their circumstances. If women feel like they can kill their child, then I believe this communicates that the child in the womb is not that valuable. I believe it should be illegal for everyone to murder anyone. Passing this bill is the right thing to do under God's law, it is part of the Republican Platform, and is a major priority for grassroots conservatives in Texas. I support HB 2917, and I want the committee to vote on and pass this bill. We shouldn't be sticking our head in the sand about this outdated issue of protecting guilty women anymore. If women can vote, be CEOs of companies, and run for president, surely they have the mental capacity to recognize that their unborn child is a human and protect it.

David Treibs
self
Fredericksburg, TX

I strongly favor HB 2197 as presented. Our legislators like to say they outlawed abortion, but they did not. The numbers of children killed in the womb in Texas is at least as high as it ever was. If you want to truly end the murder of unborn children, you will have to remove the exemptions for it, which, in this case, are self-induced ones.
Please fix the huge exception in the law that has allowed the numbers of abortion in Texas to remain the same. Children are just as dead if the means is surgical or chemical means, and no matter who does it.
At the very least, please stop saying that you ended abortion in Texas. That is a lie. It is playing word games for political gain.
We as a society have a duty from God to protect the innocent. You as legislators have the authority and opportunity via HB2197, to actually protect innocent life.
anything less is to continue the bloodshed.

Christa Alonzo
Self rental property owner
Rockport, TX

I believe that abortion should be made illegal in the state of Texas. The unborn child should have the same right to live as the child that has already been born.

James Theisen
Self/ Retired
Houston, TX

I support this bill

Carolyn Puls, Mrs
Self/retired
Crowley, TX

God created mankind in His own image. All human life is precious. The murder/abortion of an unborn person is atrocious. The life of an unborn child should be of extreme value. Please end this awful practice of abortion.

Juda Myers

Self retired Founder of Choices4life.org

Huntsville, TX

I was conceived after 8 men attacked my mother & left her for dead on a street corner in St. Louis. Pregnant 3 months later her parents and her dr pressured her to abort. She refused & fought for my life.1956 abortion wasn't even legal! The prejudice against the rape conceived has prevailed for centuries. Now is the time to protect lives like mine! It is a felony to tamper with the evidence of a crime.Babies conceived after rape ARE evidence of a crime.Why isn't the law enforced and people like me protected?
TX made all babies in the womb unprotected.Now is the time to do what is right.Make ALL babies in the womb protected.Give the chance to have a life as the mothers and fathers of that child were given life opportunities.It's the worst prejudice to ever exist.People execute people like me for the crime of rapists but the rapist doesn't even get the death penalty.Completely unfair & unequal justice! As founder of TX national non profit Choices4Life,I spoke with almost 500 who were pregnant after rape. Ages 9 through 42 gave birth.The young ones were adopted WITH their babies.Healthy & happy years later.One 10 yr old girl was raped/pregnant. A black girl with a straight A performance at school,she was harassed so badly she had to be home schooled.She gave birth naturally at 11.Her mother raised both children.This young mother went back to school & excelled in sports & academics;one of 5 students in her state to have a college degree & a diploma at the end of high school. She did this with her daughter by her side. No longing for a dead baby. Another 11 yr old that was forced to abort to protect the rapist from being caught. She became pregnant again. This time she told her mother, the rapist was jailed, and she gave birth to a healthy baby girl. She says not a day goes by that she doesn't mourn the baby she lost. It's better to have a live baby than a dead one were her words. Over and over females told me that they weren't believed or respected because everyone said "no one wants a rape conceived baby so you couldn't have been raped!"I have Oneg blood. No one asks if it's "rapist blood." It's the blood that can be given to anyone!!! My blood has saved people! But if society had the chance they would have killed the very person who might save them!No one asks how a person was conceived. Why treat the unborn like it matters?Rape conceived deserve the same respect others do. I should not have to pay for the crime of anyone else.In fact since fertilization occurs hours or even days after intercourse I wasn't even on the planet when the crime was committed! Please stop the injustice. Give everyone in or out of the womb the same legal protection!
Links to my testimony & others.Please represent all of us. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PyR70x8Zd8s
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tdULfEqe0CE
teen raped & forced abortion: https://studio.youtube.com/video/YW_NgqMf9Gc/edit

Jessica Watson

Self

Conroe, TX

Don't kill our unborn babies

Barrett Young
Self, Political Consultant
Bastrop, TX

"You shall not murder" Deuteronomy 5:17
Do you need more than this to be convinced to pass this bill?

"If a man strikes down the life of any human being, he shall surely be put to death" Leviticus 24:17

But surely this doesn't apply to everyone right?

"You shall do no injustice in judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor nor defer to the great, but you shall judge your neighbor in righteousness." Leviticus 19:15

As representatives you are sworn to uphold the Constitution of the United States which says in the 14th amendment that no state shall deny to ANY PERSON the equal protection of the laws.

From the moment of conception, every human being is considered a person according to science and according to Texas law. And yet, no child is afforded equal protection of the law prior to their birth.

In this state, my wife could have murdered our daughter and faced absolutely zero consequences.

For many children and their families in Texas this is no mere hypothetical, it is their fatal reality. People, little babies, are murdered and no government official stands in the way. No justice is done for their deaths. Instead, the people who murder them are protected.

The state of Texas is in violation of the 14th amendment and of the law of Almighty God. You have a duty to pass HB 1927 and provide equal protection to all people in Texas, no matter how young or how old.

Israel Garcia, Mr
Self
Burleson, TX

Hello my name is Israel Garcia.

This bill must be put into law, Because God has said ““You shall not murder.”
??Exodus? ?20?:?13?,

““Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.””
??Matthew? ?22?:?36?-?40?

Are you loving your neighbor as your self if you allow the mother to murder her baby? No you are not.

if this bill is not passed we will continue to be under the judgment of God,

“The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, “Say to the people of Israel, Any one of the people of Israel or of the strangers who sojourn in Israel who gives any of his children to Molech shall surely be put to death. The people of the land shall stone him with stones. I myself will set my face against that man and will cut him off from among his people, because he has given one of his children to Molech, to make my sanctuary unclean and to profane my holy name. And if the people of the land do at all close their eyes to that man when he gives one of his children to Molech, and do not put him to death, then I will set my face against that man and against his clan and will cut them off from among their people, him and all who follow him in whoring after Molech.”
??Leviticus? ?20?:?1?-?5? ?

If we do not abolish abortion, and actually have equal justice under the law,
We will all be judged.

“I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak, for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.””
??Matthew? ?12?:?36?-?37?

“before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.”
??Psalm? ?98?:?9

“He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?”
??Micah? ?6?:?8

Carl Kalbfleisch
True Texas Project- TTP@home Denison leader
Denison, TX

I am in full support of HB-2197, relating to protection of unborn child's rights. I understand that the legislation was introduced by Brent Money and is co signed by David Lowe and others.

As like many people abortion is an issue that drew me into politics years ago. I once thought that being pro life is enough. Due to that I was fooled into thinking the pro life movement actually sought to end abortion. However over the years I've come to see that there is money to be made on both sides of this issue.

The end of Roe rightly returned the issue to the states. Texas should lead the way in being a sanctuary for life. God created life in the womb at conception. Therefore the unborn deserve the same protection as the born.

Current laws are inconsistent. In some cases eggs of endangered species are protected more than human life. These species are protected by federal laws to prevent harming the egg.

Animals are not like humans, who are image bearers of God. Therefore they need to be afforded even more protection than any animal.

I hope you'll consider supporting this bill and even becoming a co sponsor. Let Texas lead the way to be the strongest protector of human life in the country.

Thank you for your consideration.

Atticus Carr
Grace Community Bible Church
Spring, TX

Hello there, I am representing the church of Grace Community Bible Church in Tomball Texas. We are urging the support of Bill HB 2197 to offer equal protection to all humans. This is an appeal to consistent legislation. It is double homicide if a mother is pregnant and gets killed and the child aswell. Why is not the same reality applied if the mother murders her own child?
The specific unique DNA that determines the individual traits of every human is present at the moment of conception. This is so clearly a human and deserves to be not only recognized as such according to all scientific understanding, but to be protected as such according to all humane and honorable reasoning. Please be bold and take courage and do that which you all have ordained to do as leaders and law makers. Stand firm to protect those who cannot protect themselves. Thank you so much for reading this and serving this country and state.

Maggie Joyner
self
lipan, TX

If we affirm the rights and protections of a child once they are born even going to the lengths to take them from their abusive parents and place them in foster care and prosecuting those who harm or murder an out of the womb child, why is it that when a child physically has no ability to cry and be heard do they have no protection no rights. Not even do we grant them the dignity to be vindicated by those who sought out and premeditated their murder. We have no justice we have no rights we have no human conscience or true equality if the most helpless human on the earth that is the pre born child made in the image of God no different then the rest of us has no rights to life, protection or justice. We are animals worse then animals no different then hitler himself. We can go to other nations lose our life for the protection of the children in other countries that are being brutally killed yet our own children are “legally” being killed and have no rights or protection. We can do nothing for the millions already butchered, murdered and so hated that they have to die in the silence of their own mothers womb, but we can in their memory and for the millions yet who are in the balances fight for their rights and their justice and for our duty to both God and man. Why I ask does a murderer have more rights then a helpless victim?

Blesly C
Self
Dumas, TX

I support HB 219 and I want the committee to vote on and pass the bill.

Something non-human doesn't become human by getting older and bigger. Whatever is human is human from the beginning. Human life begins at fertilization, and is worthy of equal protection under the law. The same laws that protect you and me should protect babies in the womb. No one should have the "choice" to end their life. I believe it should be illegal for everyone to murder anyone.

Kevin Dickenson
Self
Bridgeport, TX

I am writing testimony in support of HB 2179 and urge committee to vote on and pass this bill. Abortions are still legally happening in the State of Texas. The repeal of Roe and the Dobbs decision have both placed in your hands the ability and over your heads the responsibility to end the legal killing of the most vulnerable class of humans, the unborn. I pray God will mercifully move you by His Spirit to see that His image bearers in the womb are not of less value than you or any of your neighbors. This bill is the only way to end legal abortion in the state of Texas. It's past time to stop regulating the murder of the smallest and most defenseless among us. You must recognize you cannot claim to support human rights if you do not extend those rights to all humans. It's time to stop the hypocrisy of categorizing as less than human the unborn, who cannot speak up for their own right to live. It's time to stop permitting special murder privileges to all parties involved in terminating any life. No one should have the right to kill anyone. If you fail to protect the most vulnerable and turn a blind eye to the unjust killing of the most innocent you have failed in your duty as a governing body. Uphold justice and pass this bill.

Rhonda Joyner, Mrs
Self, occupation: wife & soccer mom
Cleburne, TX

I am writing in support of HB 2197 and strongly urge you to vote yes and pass this legislation.
It is currently inconsistent, illogical and morally indefensible that only " wanted" humans are allowed the right to life but it is permissible to murder supposedly "unwanted" humans. In some states you can be prosecuted for murder if someone hurts a pregnant mother and the pre-born baby dies. But that same mother can choose to kill her baby herself with the help of an abortionist or be coerced into murdering it, and our law looks the other way.
No other people group is treated this way. Regardless of how that pre-born person came to be, that person should be afforded the exact same legal rights as other living humans.
Pre-born children have committed no crime yet it is legal to murder them. Abortion is modern day child sacrifice plain and simple. It is a sacrifice to a god of selfishness, fear, pride, money or personal convenience.
Currently a person who mistreats, tortures or kills cats and dogs is sent to jail and counseling, while people who do the same to pre-born humans make a business of it!
What society determines it is better to murder our children than allow those same children to be chosen, adopted and loved by families who desperately want a child?
Why are young people killing people at schools, malls and on the street? Our society has taught them we are in fact barbaric and expendable. Young people have learned and been taught it is permissible to take a life that you decide shouldn't live, because that life is inconvenient, has offended me in some way or gives me a feeling of power and control to dispose of it.
Please stop the madness and abolish abortion. Vote yes on HB 2197 and give everyone the same opportunity to live that you yourself now enjoy.

Dana Bailey
Self
Prosper, TX

I fully support HB2197. We must protect the unborn by making abortion a criminal act, punishable by law.

Alexis Cabler
Self
Blue Mound, TX

I am in support of passing HB 2197 for the equal protection of the unborn. The law is supposed to protect the people and bring justice to the wrong doers. Children in the womb are human being from conception and deserve the same protection that born children receive. It should be criminal under the Texas law to murder the most vulnerable among us. It is morally and legally wrong to allow an entire population, namely mothers, to have murder rights. This is unjust! The unborn in Texas should have equal protection under the law.

Jason Holik
Self farmer
San Ay, TX

Abortion is murder

Heath Ward
I represent myself and a an ambassador of Christ Jesus I represent Him.
Mesquite, TX

I support HB 2197 because I believe that justice must be consistent and fair. As image bearers of God all people at every stage of life must be protected from anyone who intends to end their life.

Hershel Redding
Never Again in Abilene
Abilene, TX

I am a male, turning 67 in the Summer this year, 2025.
In 1973, in High School, my girlfriend had to get an abortion due to Parental pressure. My girlfriend and I were young , naive, and illiterate to the Life we created, due to the culture that did not compassionately inform the both of us to the Truth in this matter.

If the penalty for abortion had resemblance to HB 2197, I know both my girlfriend and I would have better understood the Creator God's commands, for HIS Love of children and Life from fertility to death. As my girlfriend and I would have "paused" that death of our child, made compassionate demands for saving the innocent child, and possibly the consideration for adoption to meet pressure of parents.

Please, please, consider this great tragedy of unnecessary innocence causing death to innocent unborn.

Society would be better served with strict penalties as in HB 2197, pausing bad decisions in youth and adults

Uri Lujan, Mr.
Self
Willis, TX

By all means necessary, an unborn child must have our full support to be delivered safely into this world. And under no circumstance should anyone have the right to terminate the life of a conceived child at any point of development.

John Latham, Pastor
Self
Thrall, TX

I support HB2197. Please pass it out of committee. Every human being is made in the image of God, is worthy of honor, and deserves our protection. Our founding documents affirmed the right of all people to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Abortion ends a human life and violates the core principles of our state and nation. Please help end the violence and destruction of our most vulnerable Texans!!

Anita Kissee
Texas conservatives
Frisco, TX

Please support this bill. If we don't protect life from the beginning we are not a society.
There should be proper prosecution and protection for those who can't defend themselves! Thank you

Warren Craik, Mr.
Self
Plano, TX

The only way to truly protect the rights of all Texans, including the unborn (who's lives are just as worthy as the post-born) is to guarantee EQUAL PROTECTION by passing a law to guarantee an equal penalty for those who kill children who are still in the womb as would be bestowed upon the killer of people who are no longer within a womb. Abortion is murder and everyone knows it. It is time for abortion to be penalized in the same way as all other murders.

Janie Williamson, Rev.
Self
Allen, TX

Please protect the unborn! Make abortion illegal in Texas!

Donna Holtsclaw
Self
Quinlan, TX

This sounds like a good start for the rights of the unborn who have no voice now to protect their right to life.

Michelle Travis
Self/ Retired
Texas, TX

I am 117% in favor of protecting the baby in the womb. Pass the Bill!!

Jammie Burwell
Self
Klein, TX

In 1994, as a student at Texas Tech University, under the severe pressure of my then boyfriend, I had an abortion. The 18 years that followed, I lived with much guilt, shame, and regret. Thankfully, through the progressive sanctification of the Lord, I can say that I have been forgiven and set free! Along with that came the understanding of the truth of what I had done. I had participated in the murder of my unborn child. My boyfriend had hired a hit man to kill our child. I delivered my child like a lamb to be slaughtered to the killer. The killer brutally ripped my child apart and disposed of her/him like trash. While, a nurse comforted me, and a counselor told me I was doing the right thing. Everyone, including me, deserved to be punished and held accountable and responsible for this murder. Just because, at that time, it was legal for this to happen, doesn't make it right. An unborn child has the right to equal protection under the law and to not be murdered. No one should be able to murder anyone, born or unborn, with immunity and impunity. I know this because it's God's Law and it is written on all of our hearts whether we want to acknowledge it or not. This is why I am an abolitionist and fight for the abolition of abortion in Texas and the rest of America. We can no longer suppress the truth. God will have justice for the innocent blood that has been shed in this state and country. It would do us well to humble ourselves, agree with Him about the evil of abortion, and turn from our wicked ways before it is too late. One day, every knee will bow and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord. Judgment is coming, we will be held accountable. You, as elected representatives of our government, will be held to a higher standard. I pray you will hear, "well done good and faithful servant."

Nacy Sharpe
Ambassador of the Most High GOD
Frisco, TX

HB2197

Melanie DeCesaris
Self, homeschool Mom
Gunter, TX

Every baby has the right to life, regardless of how the baby was conceived. Children are a blessing of the Lord. Let's abolish abortion in Texas! Stand for life, starting at conception. Before we have any other right listed in our constitution, we must first have the right to life!

Joel McGregor, Denton County Precinct Chair 4217
Precinct 4217
Northlake, TX

Abortion is murder! Protect the children!

Cynthia Graff
Self
Argyle, TX

Each unborn child should be protected. We need to have the same value for human life in the womb as we do for those outside the womb. All unborn children have the God given right to live.

Kristi Champagne
KL Church in Frisco
Mckinney, TX

Abolish abortion

Julie McCarty
True Texas Project
Grapevine, TX

I plan to be there to testify in person, but if I cannot, I'm asking you to please vote favorably on this bill. Science and technology have proven what we've all instinctively known all along... abortion murders a baby. The mom knows this, regardless of her religious or personal beliefs. She may choose to deny it, but it's instinctive, and it should be acknowledged as a fact with corresponding consequences. It will certainly deter moms from making a regrettable decision.

John Wilson
Self
Frisco, TX

Support and vote for HB 2197

Jan Craik
Self teacher
Plano, TX

We must have equal protection of life whether born or unborn. Ending a life is murder.

Tabitha Rice
Self
North Richland Hills, TX

As a mother of five children, four living, one died in the womb at 9 weeks, I am in support of this bill. Abolishing the murdering of children in the womb is important for our families and society. When my husband and found out we lost our precious baby so early we were distraught. We cried and cried and cried. We cried when we ate when we were at church and in the car. That little baby had life for a few short weeks and for some reason that baby didn't get to keep living. That is not natural. The reason death occurs because of sin. And yet it happened naturally because of sin. What doesn't happen naturally is abortions. The willful killing of a living human being that has as much right to life as you and I. A sweet innocent baby created in the image of God is being dismembered, ripped apart and sucked out like trash from the place that is suppose to nurture them. Some are poisoned. This is a greater massacre than the German holocaust.

Moms who loose their babies through miscarriage are heartbroken because of a lost life. Women paying for the murder of their child are affected as well wether they admit it or not. None the less, they share the same length of life. The one who was murdered and the one who naturally died. Why do we value the life of one and not the other? Because a law says it's okay. That's not right. Please change the laws so that innocent lives are not taken in cold blood any longer in the great state of Texas!

Bringing value to life will make a change in the lives of our families and children. We convey the message to our children that life is not valuable so bullying someone, shooting people, and even taking their own life makes sense. This is not true. Their lives matter and their life mattered at conception in the womb. Please restore the value of life back to our society.
Thank you.

Mike Tisdale
Abolish Abortion Texas (AATX)
Richmond, TX

This testimony is in support of passing HP 2197.

My name is Mike Tisdale and I reside in Fort Bend County, Texas.

Lady Justice is depicted as having her eyes covered because of the biblical principle of impartiality. [Proverbs 20:23 Unequal weights are an abomination to the LORD,
and false scales are not good.] Texas is currently showing partiality and a lack of justice towards the unborn every day that unborn children, image bearers of God, go unprotected in our laws. They are unprotected because the current exceptions that allow for mothers to murder their unborn children as long as it is the mother doing it. This is shameful and you know it to be wrong because the law of God has been written on your heart. I call you to be consistent in your application of just laws by passing House Bill 2197. This bill as law will equally protect the unborn from murder the same way the born are protected. If you would be a consistent human being, then you will pass this bill and correct the partiality and lack of justice that is shown to the unborn by extending the same laws that protect you from murder to the unborn. If you would have God bless the great state of Texas, then seek to enact equal protection and equal justice for all image bearers of God.

Lori Obrien
Self
Frisco, TX

Protect the unborn!!!!!

Linda Churchwell
Self
Dallas, TX

I strongly support this bil

Michelle Garcia
Self
Burleson, TX

I am in support of HB 2197, to abolish abortion in Texas! Equal protection for all humans! Praise be to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Daryl Rodriguez, Dr.
Self, University Professor
Spring Branch, TX

Hello- my name is Dr. Daryl Rodriguez. I am representing myself and I am testifying in favor of HB 2197. I implore this committee to vote on and pass this bill.

As civil magistrate, you are duty bound by God to reward the good and punish the evil (Romans 13). Every year, and in spite of the “reversal” of Roe v Wade and the passing of Dobbs, thousands of preborn Texan babies created in the Image of God are still being murdered every year under your watch, and God will hold you accountable for allowing this evil! First and foremost, above and beyond any human court opinion or “law” is the Law of God! Acts 5:29 states “we should obey God rather than man.” This is not only my duty as a citizen, but also your duty as a civil magistrate.

In addition, you have sworn an oath when you took office to defend the U.S. Constitution as well as the Texas Constitution, so help you God. This bill to completely and immediately abolish abortion with no exceptions, would in fact, be consistent with your oath. Please keep your oath. The Fifth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution (the highest law of the land) forbids the taking of life of any person without a fair trial, and the Fourteenth Amendment requires the equal protection of every innocent person! Hence, abortion in any form or fashion is in direct violation of the U.S. Constitution and therefore, illegal.

I am demanding that you provide equal protection to every innocent Texan! Current Texas law already defines a person to include the unborn child at every stage of development from fertilization until birth, and makes it murder to kill an unborn child. We merely seek to remove any such exceptions and discrimination to these laws and to prosecute all who would violate them, including the mothers who commit such crimes.

Today, you have an opportunity to do the right thing. Someday you will stand before Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world and give an account. Please support this bill.

Thank you for your time,

Dr. Daryl Rodriguez

Addison Emore
Self
Willis, TX

I support this bill! Equal protection for everyone!

Lisa Healy
Self
Midlothian, TX

I support this bill. Please vote yes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sarah Allison
Self-teacher
Conroe, TX

I support the passage of this bill that would establish equal protection for all persons in Texas!

Rich Diaz
Self Aircraft Mechanic
Temple, TX

As a native born Texan and a Christian it is my duty to stand for those who are not able to stand for themselves. I am 100% in support of this bill. All life is precious and all life starts at conception/fertilization. We need to protect our unborn babies/citizens from violence in the womb. The mothers womb should be the safest place for a baby, but sadly today it is still a risky place to be. We instinctively know that killing a baby in womb is wrong because if someone was to kill a pregnant mom they would be guilty of double homicide. If the mother commits violence against her own child she should be held accountable.
This isn't a case of one life being more important, but of all life being important, from the womb to the tomb.
Save our babies as well as protecting our mothers. We can walk and chew gum at the same time.

Eric Pinteralli
Self/College Student
Sealy, TX

I completely support this bill by Rep. Money to abolish abortion and grant equal protection to the preborn. Those who kill preborn children, and those who coerce others into doing so, should be held accountable for their actions.

Joshua Duewall
Self Protection & Control Engineer
Bryan, TX

The scientific community has reached the consensus that life begins at conception. https://acpeds.org/position-statements/when-human-life-begins

As a result, pre-born humans have the same rights endowed to us by God as born people do. This bill will enshrine those rights in law, defining the pre-born as individual human persons, and offer them the same rights and protections we all enjoy.

I hope that you will prayerfully consider this bill, knowing that it will provide justice to the most vulnerable among us. This bill should be advanced to be passed by the legislature as soon as possible so that the genocide against the pre-born can be ended in the Great State of Texas.

Michael Pope
Self. Service manager
Caddo Mills, TX

Children are still being poisoned by their mothers with legal immunity under current state law. This is an abomination before the Holy God who commands that we protect all humans regardless of race, size, location, or level of development. Criminalize self abortion in the state of Texas this year. Be bold show the world that Texas will lead the way by upholding Conservative Christian values. Obey King Jesus establish justice for our pre-born neighbors!

Annamarie Gervais, Mrs.
Self. Bookkeeper.
Seguin, TX

I'm writing in support of HB 2197, asking the committee to vote on and to pass it. Our TX laws should reflect the reality that life begins at conception, an therefore our legal protection of preborn life should start at the same time. Compromising on that amounts to being accomplices in murder. We will all give an account before God, the Giver of each precious life, of our actions in this regard.

Kenton Little
Self
Tomball, TX

Hello my name is Kenton Little

Our nation's founders rightly understood that all men are created equal, and that our rights are a gift from our creator. Our founders recognized that this creator was the almighty God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. This God created mankind in his own image and therefore all human beings are equally valuable in his sight. If all human beings are equally valuable then all human beings deserve equal protection. Yet for decades now in this nation and in this state of Texas the most vulnerable of all human beings have been systematically and mercilessly slaughtered and no justoce has been served on their behalf. Mr Money's bill would halt this evil in the state of Texas. It is your duty before your God, your country, and your state to do everything in your power to ensure that HB 2197 becomes the law of the land in our state

Michelle Martens
Self
Grand Prairie, TX

Chairman, members of the committee—

In 2019, hundreds of us showed up to support a bill just like this one—an abolition bill that would have provided equal protection to preborn children. But it never made it to the floor. Maybe that committee in 2019 thought it wasn't the "right time" to abolish abortion.

They delayed justice.

That delay cost the life of my grandchild.

In January 2020, my grandchild—four months along in the womb—was brutally murdered at Planned Parenthood, likely by dismemberment. That’s the standard method at that stage of development: her arms and legs torn off with forceps, torso ripped out, skull crushed. I live with that image every day. I still grieve. My grandchild would be turning five this year. Starting kindergarten.

We need this bill to fully protect children in the womb. Please understand—this is not theoretical. This should not be about timing. Delaying justice costs lives. These children are sons, daughters, grandchildren, neighbors. As Galatians 5:14 says: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” These children are your neighbors.

I’m asking you—don’t let another child die because we waited for the “right time.” The right time is now. Please advance this bill for a vote.

Thank you.

Katalina Wernli
Self
Austin, TX

As a concerned Texas citizen and legal professional, I strongly oppose HB 2197, which redefines "individual" to include "an unborn child at every stage of development from fertilization until birth" and extends both criminal and civil protections to fertilized eggs.

This bill fundamentally misapplies constitutional equal protection principles. By extending full legal personhood to fertilized eggs, it creates an unprecedented legal framework where one person's rights (the pregnant woman) are subordinated to another's (the fertilized egg), a concept rejected by decades of constitutional jurisprudence.

The bill's repeal of Section 19.06 and Section 22.12 of the Penal Code removes critical legal distinctions that currently allow for reasonable medical practice and reproductive healthcare. The bill's exceptions for "lifesaving procedures" and "spontaneous miscarriage" are dangerously narrow. While they appear reasonable, medical reality is complex: The "lifesaving procedures" exception requires "reasonable and available steps to save the life of the mother's unborn child" even in emergency situations. This requirement could delay critical care as physicians weigh legal liability against medical necessity. In addition, many necessary medical interventions fall outside these limited exceptions, including management of inevitable miscarriages, severe fetal anomalies incompatible with life, and pregnancy complications that threaten health without immediate risk of death. Also, the standard of "reasonable and available steps" is vague, leaving healthcare providers uncertain about their legal obligations during medical emergencies.

This bill creates numerous practical problems including determining the "moment of fertilization" is medically impossible in natural conception, creating evidentiary issues in any potential legal proceedings.

By criminalizing a broad range of conduct potentially affecting fertilized eggs, this bill would force physicians to practice defensive medicine, potentially leading to an exodus of medical professionals from Texas. This would also disproportionately impact women with high-risk pregnancies, limited access to healthcare, and economic disadvantages.

HB 2197 attempts to solve a perceived problem by creating numerous actual problems. Rather than protecting women and children, it establishes a legal framework that endangers women's health, undermines medical practice, creates legal uncertainty, and threatens individual liberty. The bill's vague exceptions will not prevent the effect on healthcare providers who fear criminal liability.

I urge the committee to reject HB 2197 and instead pursue policies that genuinely protect and support women, children, and families through improved healthcare access, prenatal care, and social support systems.

Skylar Borsman
Self
Kilgore, TX

From conception, the human fetus is uniquely created by God with the dignity and sanctity of human life. Nearly always, the termination of these human lives is the decision of selfish individuals who seek to escape the working of nature that follows sexual promiscuity, and it is a moral travesty to make innocent unborn humans pay the price for their parents' irresponsibility. The abolition of abortion is as much a moral imperative for our time as the abolition of slavery was in days past. In the name of Christ, as a humble Christian residing in Texas, I ask that this bill be passed in our State. As human beings, the unborn are guaranteed by the United States Constitution that they be subject to equal protection under the law.

Amparo Apodaca, Mrs.
Abolish Abortion Texas
Leander, TX

I'm writing today in support of HB 2197. There are still over 25,000 abortions happening every year in Texas, even though most people think that they have stopped. As we clearly know, life begins at fertilization, and every one deserves equal protection under the law. It is part of the Republican Party platform, it is a majority priority for grassroots conservatives in Texas, and is the right thing to do under God's law. We will all have to answer for our actions before God.
Thank you for your attention to this matter. I pray that the Lord will give you the courage to speak for those who can't speak for themselves.

Amparo Apodaca

Justin Albert
Self
New Braunfels, TX

I support this bill and should be a law that is upheld in the state of Texas. Protecting the unborn is an essential and fundamental right given by the Lord. We should love our neighbors as ourselves.

Carolyn Perritt
Self. Retired
Dallas, TX

I strongly oppose this bill. It threatens access to IVF and contraception. who's not for the protection of the unborn, but rather it is a weapon against women

Cory Shahan, Pastor
Self
Mckinney, TX

As a pastor committed to the authority of God's Word, I wholeheartedly support HB 2197, which seeks to abolish abortion in Texas. This bill aligns with the biblical truth that every human life—born or unborn—is created in the image of God and is therefore sacred and worthy of protection.

Genesis 1:27 declares, "So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them." From conception, every child bears the image of God. Psalm 139:13–16 further affirms God's intimate involvement in the womb: "For You formed my inward parts; You knitted me together in my mother's womb… Your eyes saw my unformed substance." The Bible makes no distinction between life inside or outside the womb—both are fully human, fully valuable, and fully known to God.

Abortion is the unjust taking of innocent life, which Scripture clearly condemns (Exodus 20:13, "You shall not murder."). As those entrusted to preach truth and shepherd the flock of God, we must not remain silent while innocent blood is shed (Proverbs 24:11–12). HB 2197 rightly acknowledges the unborn as persons deserving equal protection under the law and calls on our state to uphold justice by abolishing this great evil.

The church is called not only to proclaim the Gospel, but to be a voice for the voiceless (Proverbs 31:8). Supporting HB 2197 is not merely a political stance—it is a moral and spiritual imperative. It is a call to repentance and righteousness, to align our laws with God's truth and extend His justice to the most vulnerable among us.

I urge lawmakers, fellow pastors, and citizens of Texas to stand for life, to stand for justice, and to stand for the Word of God. Let us end this national tragedy and be a people who fear the Lord and cherish His image in every child.

In Christ's service,
Cory Shahan
Grace Life Church
Allen, TX

Anthony Lodi
Self
Plano, TX

I am testifying in support of HB2197. HB2197 is the only righteous way to deal with abortion in a way that reflects the good and loving and just character of our God. Currently, thousands of children are killed in the wombs of their mothers by self-managed abortions each year in Texas. This bill takes the exact same laws that we trust to protect you and I from murder and simply extends these laws to apply to the preborn children in the womb. This is a reflection of the high value that God places on those created in His image, and removes partiality in our current laws regarding this topic. The womb was designed by God to be a place of safety and nurture, but current Texas law does not properly defend and bring justice to the helpless children in the womb. God has a special compassion and heart for the weak and vulnerable, for those who cannot defend themselves. God's heart in this is especially seen in Deu 27:19: " 'Cursed be anyone who perverts the justice due to the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.' " I don't know of anyone more vulnerable and helpless than the child in the womb, and God has specifically tasked you with establishing justice for these children (Romans 13:4). The law is meant to punish lawbreakers and bring justice for the victims, but it is also to be a deterrent so that those who may otherwise seek to kill a child are restrained by the law, knowing what the law says and turning away from it, knowing the punishment of breaking the law. This is a loving thing and keeps them from the guilt of having shedding innocent blood. In light of these things, I plead with you to vote in favor of HB 2197 out of love for God and out of love for your neighbor whom God has called you to defend and protect.

Michael Knapp
Self
Klein, TX

I strongly support the passage of HB 2197 for equal protection under the law for all unborn children in the state of Texas. The same laws that protect all children and adults should apply equally to the unborn. Science has proven that life begins at conception.

Cindy Pierce
self/homemaker
Liberty Hill, TX

As a life-long Texan who has been taught to love my neighbor as myself and treat others as I would want to be treated, I find it appalling that I am afforded special murder rights as a mother to kill my pre-born child. I am 22 weeks pregnant, can feel my baby moving and kicking and yet, this very day, I could self-manage my own abortion in Texas, murder this pre-born child in my womb, and there would be no consequences for me under current law. However, if I chose to murder my 16 month-old child, I could be charged with murder. Why does the law treat my children differently? What makes my 22 week old pre-born baby's life less valuable than his 16 month-old sister's? Why are we writing murder exceptions into our criminal code? Murdering anyone should be illegal for everyone, but especially for fathers and mothers who should feel a strong sense of love and duty to care and protect their own offspring. Current Texas law instructs me as a pregnant woman, that it is not a criminal act to murder my pre-born child and that is just wrong. Equal protection should apply to every life, no matter their size, age, color, or stage of development. Please vote to pass HB 2197 and may God have mercy on our beloved state.

Debbie Wolgemuth, Ms
Self, Accounting
Waco, TX

SUPPORT - All innocent citizens deserve LIFE, LIBERTY, and the PURSUIT OF HAPPINES!

Debbie Wolgemuth, Ms
Self, Accounting
Waco, TX

SUPPORT

Jennifer Madrid, Ms.
Self
Belton, TX

I'm a rape survivor who became pregnant and deeply regrets her abortion, pleading for passage of HB 2197 onto the floor for a vote.

When I aborted my baby, I destroyed the evidence for my rapist's crime; was traumatized and spent 19 days in a psychiatric hospital after seeing parts of my baby the abortionist left behind; and spent decades suffering with chronic illnesses, including an aggressive form of cancer I thankfully survived.

My marriage did not survive. Many post-abortive women carry great grief and shame, and remain in damaging relationships feeling unworthy of love after what they've done to their child. Our children still suffer with impacts to their health after the break up of our family. I wish I could turn back time and suffer for 9 months with a pregnancy I didn't choose-rather than for decades-causing many I love to suffer with me.

As a teenager and victim of sexual assault, I needed a safe place to stay, and to be surrounded witn loving support of all kinds...not to be told killing my baby would end my suffering. And the painful reality that my own mother -when faced with her unplanned pregnancy with me-gave me life and family through adoption... only multiplied my grief and shame until I finally was able to accept the forgiveness God had for me in Jesus Christ.

At a testimonial with post-abortive mothers, we 40 agreed unanimously, that had it been illegal and we faced prison, we never would have done it…and avoided years of suffering with negative spiritual, emotional, physical, financial, and relational fall-out. Our eyes were also opened to how abortion enables rape, trafficking, abandonment, abuse, divorce, difficulty parenting future children, and rampant sexual activity with no committment to the other person- truly devastating to the human soul and to our relationships.

Please close this loophole in our abortion laws and stop the entrapment of us unsuspecting women left shocked at the devastation...who are seeing, as I did, their dead baby as they self-abort at home...sold the lie that abortion would free and empower them.

Abortion is perhaps the greatest human rights violation in all of human history. God tells us in His word that He hates the shedding of innocent blood, and He especially hates it when we cause little children to suffer.

He has suffered long with us...but we don't know His breaking point-when He will say It would be better that a giant millstone be hung around the collective neck of our state and nation on behalf of the "least of these." With so many good bills filed this session that streamline the adoption process, hold fathers and criminals accountable, and protect women who are being or who have been abused...and with a large increase in funds being earmarked for "maternal safety" in the appropriations bill this session, it would seem that now is the perfect time to end the carnage and suffering affecting not only women and children, but all of us.

Amanda Reid
Self/Stay at home mom
Saint Hedwig, TX

I strongly support this bill and request that this bill would be voted on and passed. It is within your power to help stop the murder without penalty of innocent preborn babies. Last year around 25,000 preborn. A babies were legally murdered in Texas. It is your moral obligation as law makers to prevent even more legal murders from taking place.

It is a scientifically irrefutable fact that unborn children are alive and belong to the human species. Please do justice and pass this bill to protect them. The same laws that apply to anyone else should apply to preborn babies.

As a mom to an 8 month out of the womb baby, I am deeply concerned with the passage of this bill. I find it morally reprehensible that I currently live in a state that has it written into law that I am allowed to murder my children as long as they have yet to be birthed without any consequence. My precious daughter's life has always mattered, and she as a fellow human being has always had the right to life. Her right to life should be legally protected, not contingent on my decision of whether she should have had it or not.

When I was pregnant last year and had passed my due date (my daughter was born 2 weeks after her due date), I thought about the fact that I could've driven to Colorado and had my daughter murdered without consequence. My husband would have had no legal recourse under the current unjust laws. This is outrageous and needs to be changed. Literally my whole pregnancy I was thinking about how my daughter had no rights and just seething with rage about the injustice of it.

ALL humans have the right to life, and it is arbitrary and unjust to include an exception for a mother to be able to murder her child as long as they're still in the womb. It's especially awful as these children are not able to advocate for themselves, nor will the ones who are murdered ever be able to. These babies' only hope for justice and a higher chance of surviving to live outside the womb rests in your hands, so I once again urge you to do the right thing and not only vote on this bill, but vote to pass this bill so that it can be voted on by the whole house.

Thank you, and I pray that you all would do the right thing for your most powerless, most innocent, and most tiny constituents.

Gaylyn DeVine
Self/Business Owner
Pearland, TX

Thank you for filing this bill. I am in favor of us protecting the unborn and mothers.

Brenda K Estis
SELF / RETIRED / SREC SD15 COMMITTEEWOMAN
Houston, TX

I support HB 2197.

Georgetta Moore
Self
Greenville, TX

My name is Georgetta Moore, a mother, a former public school educator, and Rep. Brent Money's constituent. I fully support HB 2197 and beseech the committee to vote on and pass the equal protection of the pre-born- HB 2197. Life begins at fertilization, it is a biological fact even taught in high school biology textbooks that you are a human being at the moment of conception. Born people enjoy the protections providing by law that deters their murder and holds murderers accountable under the law- HB 2197 simply extends the protection you and I enjoy to include the human being in the womb. There are over 25,000 humans being murdered in the womb in Texas with impunity, we are NOT an abortion free state. This bill is the most pro-life bill because it seems to extend the same protection you and I enjoy to the babies in the womb. Support for pro-life legislation is part of the Republican platform, not only that, but God's law states, "thou shall not murder," and everyone whether Christian or atheist will answer for that law before God. Abortion is the intentional murder of a baby in the womb and is still happening in Texas with the abortion pill with impunity. It is outrageous that our laws favor one class of people (the born) over another class of people (babies in the womb), we have witnessed this tragedy before in slavery and the Holocaust where one group of people were less than, but you have the opportunity to turn this around and support a bill that will extend equal protection for ALL people. It should be illegal for everyone to murder anyone.

Shaina Johnson
Abortion Abolitionists/Love of Truth Ministries
San Antonio, TX

I am in support of HB2197, equal protection of the unborn.
The fact of the matter is, a pregnant woman can come to this very capital building, look every single legislator in the face and declare that she wants to murder her unborn child.
She can then swallow a pill murdering that child in front of every one of them and do so legally.

Ben Moore, Mr.
self
Greenville, TX

Testimony in Support of the Abolition of Abortion Act – House Bill 2197.

Members of the subcommittee:

My name is Ben Moore, and I am a concerned citizen and advocate for the sanctity of human life. I strongly urge that House Bill 2197, the bill that seeks equal protection for unborn children in our state, be passed out of committee.

Every human life is inherently valuable, from the moment of conception to natural death. The unborn are not potential lives—they are lives with potential. Abortion unjustly ends the life of a defenseless human being, and no just society should allow for the legal destruction of its most vulnerable members.

We have laws that protect endangered species, yet we have allowed the killing of thousands of unborn children every year since the overturning of Roe v. Wade. This bill is a necessary and moral step to correct that injustice.

Some argue that abolishing abortion will harm women or restrict healthcare. But true healthcare does not end a human life. We must work to provide compassionate support to pregnant mothers in crisis, through counseling, resources, and community programs, while also upholding the fundamental right to life for the unborn.

Others have argued that HB 2197 seeks to criminalize women. This bill simply removes the exception for the homicide of unborn children in our state homicide code. Texas law currently protects those who wish to end the life of a preborn baby, which only ensures this practice.

Texas cannot claim to be a state founded on justice and equality if we deny the right to life to the most voiceless among us.

I urge you to pass this bill and take a stand for human dignity, for justice, and for the future of our children.

Thank you.

Tomalea Bench
Self
Huntsville, TX

I support this bill. Easy access to abortifacients is harmful to females.

Elizabeth Varley
self
Bryan, TX

Please respect the life of the unborn by supporting this bill

Mary Agnes Kumar, Secretary
Family Life Congress (no website yet)
Frisco, TX

My daughter Sara was gifted by God The Father with the “Tongues of the True New Time” which means she can converse with the Blessed Trinity, the Mother of Jesus, and the angels and saints in Heaven. Preborn babies have talked to her from Heaven! They have souls and live on eternally. Hence, all the rights of the preborn must be upheld by law. Let us protect the most vulnerable of God’s children. He does not want to lose even one in His True New Time now, which He calls a “grace period.”

Susan LUCAS, Ms
Self, retired
Bryan, TX

I support Hb2197

William Ripley
self/Retired
Sherman, TX

I am writing in support of HB2197. This bill will protect 55,000 preborn babies in Texas by providing them with equal protection under the law against harm and homicide. From the moment of conception each child is a unique but vulnerable human being which requires protection from those that would harm them.
The 14th amendment of the United States Constitution, which Texas honors, states clearly that "..nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws. "
Texas state law identifies an Individual as follows in PENAL CODE TITLE 1. INTRODUCTORY PROVISIONS CHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS DEFINITIONS (26) "Individual" means a human being who is alive, including an unborn child at every stage of gestation from fertilization until birth.
Texas law also calls for prosecution of persons suspected of causing homicide to an individual as found in PENAL CODE TITLE 5. OFFENSES AGAINST THE PERSON CHAPTER 19. CRIMINAL HOMICIDE Sec. 19.01. TYPES OF CRIMINAL HOMICIDE. (a) A person commits criminal homicide if he intentionally, knowingly, recklessly, or with criminal negligence causes the death of an individual. (b) Criminal homicide is murder, capital murder, manslaughter, or criminally negligent homicide.
All HB2197 does is provide overdue protection to the preborn human child. Protection we all expect for ourselves and our "born" children.
You are our lawmakers; you would have no authority if it were not given to you by God. As a citizen of Texas, I expect you to honor the God that created and sustains us when making your decisions.
I have heard prayers offered in the Texas House of Representatives by your approved clergy. They are prayers asking for guidance and blessing but I ask you. How can God bless our state or nation if we continue to allow state sponsored sacrifice His defenseless image bearers at the rate of 150 babies per day in Texas alone?
I believe The Word of God is clear that when you offer your prayers to God while affirming the murder of his preborn image bearers He will not hear you.
This is evident in Ezekiel 21:31 When you offer your gifts, when you cause your sons to pass through the fire, you are defiling yourselves with all your idols to this day. And shall I be inquired of by you, O house of Israel? As I live," declares the Lord God, "I will not be inquired of by you.
The letter to the Galatians offers its own warning to those who believe they can act without consequence.
Galatians 6:7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap. 8 For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.
You are our lawmakers. I call on you to make God honoring laws.
HB2197 .Protects the preborn Texan and his or her mother with clear life saving direction

Christina Haarhoff
Not a Victim
Willis, TX

I am so in favor of this bill that I am requesting that the Chair put this up to a vote after the hearing on Tuesday.

In order to give this bill appropriate consideration, you have to have a good understanding of what's been going on with abortion in Texas:

In 2022, we had the overturn of Roe. With the overturn of Roe, our trigger law went into effect.

However, just since last session (and despite the overturn of Roe), we've had well over 52,000 babies murdered on Texas soil.

The reason legalized abortion has continued is because of language in our trigger law that says that "A pregnant woman upon whom an abortion is performed may never be penalized." That sounds sweet and kind to aborting mothers; however, the pro-choicers know, of course, that laws without enforcement are as if there is no law in the first place... for half the state of Texas (all women when pregnant).

So, the pro-aborts are simply coaching the mothers into switching from the old school surgical abortions to "do it yourself at home" kill-by-pill abortions.

HB 2197 fixes the loophole in our current trigger law by giving our Texas babies EQUAL PROTECTION --
which means simply taking the same laws that protect you and me and other born people...
and extending that protection to protecting EVERYONE, including the preborn.
No more murder exceptions for our babies in Texas' law.

Money's HB 2197 is what is GOOD and KIND and RIGHT and LOVING for Texas women (who might go on to regret their abortions) --
and it is certainly what is GOOD and RIGHT and KIND and LOVING for our Texas babies as well.

Please put it to a vote on Tuesday!

Rebecca Rods
Self
Arlington, TX

I am in support of HB2197 and ask that it is passed favorably out of committee.

Lance Wiley
Self
Rockwall, TX

I am writing today to voice my strongest support for House Bill 2197, and I respectfully urge you to vote on and pass this bill without delay.

Despite previous efforts, more than 25,000 abortions still occur legally every year in Texas. These are not just statistics—they represent thousands of irreplaceable lives. HB 2197 is the only bill that truly ends legal abortion in our state. It's time we take the final, bold step toward protecting every human life.

Science confirms what many of us have always known: human life begins at fertilization. According to embryology textbooks such as The Developing Human by Moore & Persaud, "Human development begins at fertilization… when a male gamete (sperm) unites with a female gamete (egg) to form a single cell—a zygote. This highly specialized, totipotent cell marks the beginning of each of us as a unique individual." From that first moment, the unborn child is a human being, distinct from the mother, with its own DNA, heartbeat by 21 days, and detectable brain waves by 6 weeks.

The Bible also speaks clearly and powerfully about the value of life in the womb:

- Jeremiah 1:5 – "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart."
- Psalm 139:13-16 – "For You formed my inward parts; You knitted me together in my mother's womb… Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in Your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me."
- Exodus 20:13 – "You shall not murder."
- Proverbs 24:11 – "Rescue those being led away to death; hold back those staggering toward slaughter."

The truth is simple: all human life is sacred, and the same laws that protect you and me should protect babies in the womb. We cannot claim to be a society that values justice and equality while denying basic legal protection to the most vulnerable among us.

Passing HB 2197 is not only consistent with God's law, but also with the Republican Party Platform, which recognizes the right to life of unborn children and calls for their full legal protection. More importantly, this is a top priority for grassroots conservatives across Texas, who are demanding that our laws reflect the truth that abortion is murder and should be treated as such.

We believe it should be illegal for everyone to murder anyone. This principle must apply equally to the unborn. Anything less is a failure of justice.

I urge you: stand on the side of life, science, truth, and God's law. Pass HB 2197 and finally abolish abortion in Texas.

Alex Camarillo
Self
Plano, TX

I whole heartedly wish and would encourage that Bill HB 2197 would be passed out of committee

Alex Camarillo

Judith Pedersen
Self
Houston, TX

Please do all you can to bring about equal protection to pre-born people. Size and location should not be factors in determining their rights.

Salome Dominguez
Self/Facility Maintenance Technician
Manchaca, TX

Please support the passage of HB 2197

Wesley Thomas
County Chairman, Liberty County Republican Party
Dayton, TX

I am FOR HB2197

God hates… hands that shed innocent blood (Proverbs 6)

God says “You shall not murder (Exodus 20:13)”

The fourteenth amendment says that “No state [shall] deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.”

The law doesn’t just punish crimes, it deters them. In Texas, mothers have no deterrent that prevents them from killing their own children. It’s the reason that post-Dobbs we’re seeing a dramatic rise in self-managed abortions through out-of-state abortion pills (see https://faa.life/sma).

That’s what this bill would do: it closes the loop-hole in Texas law that tells mothers they are free to kill their own children because the law doesn’t prevent them from doing so.

This bill simply says that all humans (including a preborn child) deserve to be protected from anyone who would seek to end their lives. It’s what the US Constitution demands and it’s what God demands.

Murdering anyone should be illegal for everyone.

Margaret Lockett, Ms
self retired
San Marcos, TX

HB 2197 and 5510 are short-sighted proposals, assuming a pregnant person is guilty until proven innocent in case of miscarriage or medical emergency. No matter what high ideals might be "protected" by this legislation, a free nation does not treat its citizens this way. I ask you to reject these bills.

Kathy Haigler, Mrs.
self
Dale, TX

Texas has never criminalized abortion for women, including before the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade. There are several reasons why doing so now would be a terrible idea. For example, women with unplanned pregnancies undecided about abortion deserve information about compassionate alternatives offered at hundreds of pregnancy centers, maternity homes, adoption centers, and church-based ministries across Texas. The threat of prison time and the death penalty will keep them from seeking help for fear of prosecution. The background information below gives more reasons to oppose this bill.
Lt. Governor Dan Patrick had this to say about this issue: "We shouldn't punish women. Of course not. . . . That's ridiculous." (See Inside Texas Politics, 1/19/25.)
No further criminalization of abortion is necessary. Texas law already completely protects unborn children from elective abortion beginning at conception from chemical and surgical abortion. The Human Life Protection Act, H&S Chap 170A, makes killing an unborn child a first-degree felony offense, with an exception when the pregnancy endangers the mother's life or health. Providing abortion inducing drugs, including mifepristone, a common drug used for illegal abortions, is the same offense. Penalties include 99 years in prison, a minimum $100,000 lawsuit by the Texas Attorney General, and mandatory loss of medical license.
Women with unplanned pregnancies deserve information about the vast resources Texas offers for alternatives to abortion -- both public through the Thriving Texas Families program and numerous private agencies and churches. They do not deserve the threat of jail time or the death penalty.
Undecided or ambivalent women with unplanned pregnancies will be less likely to seek help at a pregnancy center because of the possibility of prosecution. They will know that a visit to a pregnancy center will leave evidence of a possible abortion that could lead to a future arrest and conviction.
Before Roe v. Wade blocked enforcement of Texas' abortion law, which was passed in 1854, no woman was ever successfully prosecuted in Texas or in any other state. See Prosecuting Women for Abortion: A Reality Check by Paul Benjamin Linton, Texas Alliance for Life's special counsel. We do not believe Texas should begin prosecuting women now.
Prosecuting an abortion provider will be much more difficult if the woman can be prosecuted because she will likely be unwilling to testify against the provider.
This excellent law review article by Texas Alliance for Life's general counsel, Christopher Maska, gives an in-depth analysis of the flaws of this bill: The Abolitionists Are Wrong: Equal Protection Does Not Mean a Mother Who Gets an Abortion Has Committed a Capital Crime. PLEASE VOTE NO ON HB 2197.

Paula Cloner
self
College Station, TX

Many pregnancies end in miscarriage; this law would make simply being pregnant a legal risk. It’s cruel, and it puts every pregnant Texan in danger. I know several families choosing not to have any more children due these restrictive laws as it would put the mother at risk of dying if something should go wrong with the pregnancy. We've already seen deaths of women caused by their inability to receive care when miscarrying. Lawmakers should not be writing laws that dictate medical care. Leave that up to the doctors.

David Lemm, Taxpayer
Self - Retired
Spring, TX

The taking of innocent human life of the unborn should not be tolerated in the state of Texas, or anywhere else.

Sarah Cole
Self
Pearland, TX

Please support this bill and provide equal protection under the law for our preborn neighbors. Babies in the womb should not be allowed to be killed under the law

Dana Barrett Smith
Self
Stockdale, TX

1 in 4 pregnancies end in miscarriage; this law would make simply being pregnant a legal risk. It's cruel, and it puts every pregnant Texan in danger. This is unconstitutional and unconscionable and must be voted down. We don't need white men monitoring women's bodies. If you have a problem with abortion, don't have one

Antonio Mesta
Self, Activist
Austin, TX

Testimony in Favor of HB 2197

I stand in firm support of HB 2197—not just as a citizen, but as a father. I am blessed to raise a radiant 9-year-old daughter whose laughter fills rooms and whose life is a gift beyond measure. But what many don't know is that I am also the father of a second daughter—one who never had the chance to take her first breath.

In 2019, I was with someone I loved. We conceived a child. I wasn't immediately aware, but she was. She saw the ultrasound. She saw our daughter alive in the womb. And instead of choosing life, she made a different choice. That very night, she went out. She drank heavily. She used cocaine. She did so intentionally—with the goal of ending the pregnancy without the "inconvenience" of a clinical abortion. When she handed me the ultrasound image of my lifeless child, she cried and said she was sorry. But her actions told the truth—this was a decision, not a mistake.

That moment shattered me. My daughter was real. She had a heartbeat. She had value. She had potential. And in a single selfish night, her light was extinguished for the sake of convenience.

Abortion has become more than just a political issue—it has become a cultural disease. We've created a world where temporary comfort is celebrated over permanent consequence. Where personal freedom is weaponized against responsibility. Where the miracle of motherhood is cast aside as a burden rather than embraced as the most sacred human experience.

I speak today not out of anger, but out of heartbreak. There are too many voices like my daughter's that will never be heard. HB 2197 is a chance to say that every life—no matter how small, how inconvenient, how unexpected—deserves protection. It's a chance to affirm that fatherhood and motherhood are not punishments, but privileges. And that no one has the right to destroy a life simply because they are not ready to honor it.

Thank you.

Sonya Featherston, Mrs.
self
Austin, TX

I am in full support of HB 2197. I respectfully ask you to vote to pass HB297. Every life is worth protecting from conception. In Texas we have a law that clearly states that it is a homicide for someone else to kill a baby of a pregnant woman… unless it is the mother herself…she can kill her own baby without any hesitation or penalty. That is wrong. This bill simply states that all human beings , including those in the womb should be protected from murder. Holding people accountable for their actions is the right thing to do for them and the lives that they affect.

Matthew Wilson
Self
Longview, TX

Our system of government demands equal justice. Our youngest and most vulnerable Texans are currently treated as a second class citizen, undeserving of equal protection under the law. This should not be. Murder is murder at any age and all Texans deserve their rights protected so that justice can be served. All abortions are murder and should be treated a such under Texas law.

John-Mark Echols
Self- CEO
Midland, TX

Written Testimony for HB 2197
Submitted by: John-Mark Echols
CEO, The Field's Edge
Midland, Texas

To the Honorable Members of the House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence,

My name is John-Mark Echols. I am a lifelong Texas resident, a follower of Jesus Christ, and the founder and CEO of a nonprofit organization serving the homeless in Midland, Texas. I am submitting this written testimony in strong support of HB 2197, which affirms the equal protection and rights of unborn children under Texas law.

As someone who has committed his life to restoring dignity to the most vulnerable, I cannot remain silent when the most defenseless of all—our preborn neighbors—are denied justice. Human life begins at the moment of conception, a fact affirmed by both science and Scripture. From that moment onward, each person is made in the image of God (Genesis 1:27) and endowed by their Creator with unalienable rights—chief among them being life.

To deny legal protection to a human child simply because of his or her age or stage of development is a violation of the most basic principles of justice. The 14th Amendment to the United States Constitution guarantees that no state shall "deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws." This includes every human being—born or preborn.

As a Christian, I must also issue a sober warning: the Lord hates the shedding of innocent blood (Proverbs 6:16–17), and throughout Scripture, He holds individuals and nations accountable for child sacrifice (Psalm 106:37–38, Jeremiah 19:4–5). Make no mistake: abortion is our modern-day equivalent. If you choose to ignore the cries of the unborn, know that their blood will be on your hands.

If any of you profess faith in Christ, I urge you as a brother to remember that to know the right thing to do and to fail to do it is sin (James 4:17). This is your opportunity to stand for righteousness and to protect the least of these (Matthew 25:40).

I urge you—pass HB 2197 out of committee without delay. It is time for Texas to end this grave injustice and establish equal protection under the law for all Texans, including the smallest and most vulnerable.

For the glory of God and the defense of life,
John-Mark Echols
Midland, Texas
(432) 559-3222
Representing: Self — Nonprofit CEO

Sean Cruz
self
Round Rock, TX

I fully support HB 2197, and call on the whole committee to do what's right and consistent by voting for this bill.

Should we discriminate someone's personhood based on time? Should a 90-year old not be considered a person because of arbitrary reasons, like economic hardship or their failing health, or even the inability to support them? Such a question sounds ludicrous but it is the exact thing we tend to do when a fetus is devalued as a non-person--fetuses who are, in reality, persons, whether weeks old or who were just conceived. If we are to be consistent, a person is always a person regardless of age or time. If we begin to rationalize away when or how someone is not a person, in order to justify their death, then we allow the wrongful discrimination and wrongful killing of a minority group that cannot speak for itself.

All persons, especially the vulnerable unborn, must be equally protected under the law.

But, currently there is a dangerous loophole that allows thousands of people to be killed through self-managed abortion, via mifepristone and other drugs. Would we allow a loophole for the elderly? Most assuredly, no. So let's not allow some people, even if they are extremely young, to be discriminated against and killed unjustly.

Just as it is illegal to murder a 90-year old, or a 20-year old, it ought to be illegal to murder a 1 week old person. Let us be consistent with our justice and truly equal in our protection for all.

Thank you and God bless.

Jayla W
Self, Teacher
Austin, TX

Dear Representative,

I am writing as a concerned citizen to express my strong opposition to House Bill 2197. If passed, this bill will put countless people, especially women, in danger.

This legislation would force women to carry unwanted or unsafe pregnancies, removing their right to make personal medical decisions. It would also force parenthood on men who may not be prepared or willing. People will continue to seek abortions regardless of legality, just as people continue to use substances like marijuana, even when illegal. The result is not fewer abortions, just more dangerous ones.

When access to safe, legal abortion is restricted, people suffer. An estimated 68,000 women die each year from unsafe abortions. Making abortion illegal does not stop abortion, it only stops safe abortions. Laws like HB 2197 risk making an already difficult situation deadly.

If the goal is to reduce abortions, then support access to education, contraception, healthcare, and social safety nets — not criminalization. Do not criminalize a woman's right to choose. I am frustrated by the direction our government is taking. I do not feel protected or represented by this bill.

Please do not support HB 2197. Protect the health, rights, and futures of your constituents.

Sincerely,

Jayla W.

Lisa Dunham
Self
Flower Mound, TX

Please stop making it harder for women in TX! It’s frightening to want to have a baby and think that you can be sent to prison for a miscarriage or that your doctor won’t treat you for fear.
And this is happening already so don’t say it won’t.
Thank you.

Milinda Morris, Dr.
self, SD 13 SREC Committeewoman
Houston, TX

Chairman John Smithee, Vice-Chairman Gene Wu, and Criminal Jurisprudence Committee members, I ardently support HB 2197 by Representative Money- relating to the protection of an unborn child's rights and criminal liability and justification for prohibited conduct. I am a retired OB/Gyn of 35 years of practice, delivering over 6,000 children. Life begins at conception. A live individual that is growing inside a mother's womb deserves all the protection as any human being including the "Right to Life" and the "Right to Protection" against criminal assault. Preborn children deserve the same protection of their lives, including the same criminal and civil protections, as live born child. No live born child will ever exist unless protected in the womb. Unborn children deserve equal protection under the law. The exceptions would be spontaneous miscarriage or unintentional injury or death resulting from saving the mother's life. And every effort should also be made to save the child's life in the case of maternal death, as in the example of post-mortem cesarean section. Every life is worth saving and deserves our protection. Every life is precious.

Todd Keller, Mr.
Self
Cypress, TX

Good afternoon,
I believe life begins at conception, and all life deserves equal protection under the law. Please vote to protect these unborn people who are not able to advocate for themselves!

Thank you,

Todd Keller

David Lockwood
Self
Plano, TX

My name is Michael Lockwood. I am a 25 year old Christian, husband, and father to a precious pre-born little boy. According to God’s holy Word, all humans are endowed by God with intrinsic value. Abortion rejects this endowment by murdering the smallest and most helpless humans in existence. The current Texas laws do not treat abortion as murder, and therefore Texas babies continue to die. Please give HB 2197 a vote, so that abortion might be abolished as murder once and for all in Texas.

David Emrich, Dr.
Holy Fire Mission
Portland, TX

Esteemed committee members:
As founder and director of Holy Fire Mission (est. 2017), a NPO dedicated to educational and spiritual formation in the context of the Aramaic-Syriac Catholic tradition, I urge support for HB 2197 and that the bill may proceed to the floor of the Texas House of Representatives for a vote.

For decades Texas has had a strong tradition of protecting innocent persons from perpetrators who seek to deprive them of the most basic civil right to life, regardless of the familial or social relationship of the victim to the victimizer. There must be no exceptions or exemptions that grant immunity to anyone who intentionally attempts homicide of any human person at any stage of life. Medical science has proven the unique identity of each individual human being from the moment of conception (e.g., DNA different from both parents). Nevertheless, civil law- including here in the great state of Texas- has been slow to provide protection for all innocent persons from those who intentionally seek to terminate their lives. Over 20,000 preborn children are legally killed each year in Texas by chemical abortions, even under some of the most child-friendly laws in the U.S. since the early 1970's. Jesus Christ taught us: "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me" (Matthew 25:40). Truly these "least brothers and sisters" include vulnerable and marginalized persons, as Pope Francis (may he rest in peace) has frequently reminded us throughout these past twelve years. Furthermore, this injunction against intentionally killing innocent human persons is universally recognized in most cultures throughout the world and by adherents of all major world religions. How can we turn a blind eye to our innocent brothers and sisters whose lives are legally and routinely terminated even within the borders of our state?
Abortion pills consumed by pregnant mothers can kill her baby throughout the first trimester of pregnancy. With the advance of medical science, there is a growing consensus that children suffer pain in utero from as early as the eighth week of pregnancy. It is cruel, inhuman, and unjust to allow babies to suffer the torture of chemical abortion late in the first trimester of pregnancy. But beyond the issue of sensory development, the life of every human being must be protected by law and just penalties prescribed for anyone who intends to snuff out an innocent person's life prematurely.
HB2197 brings consistency to Texas laws which currently allow selective punishment for murderers of innocent children: currently some perpetrators are held fully accountable while others are granted complete immunity. The time has come for justice to be applied in a fair and consistent manner and for protection to be extended to all homicide victims at every stage of human development. Thank you for your consideration, and may God bless you in your efforts to protect the lives and rights of all Texans.

Phoebe Wesley, Mrs
Montgomery county Precinct Chair #7
new Caney, TX

Dear Members of the Committee,
Please vote in favor of HB 2197. I believe it is your first responsibility as part of the government to bear the sword of justice against evil. There is nothing more evil than abortion, which is murder of the most innocent and defenseless human beings. No one should be allowed to kill a baby, not even his or her own mother!
You will hear some say that the mothers are often deceived into thinking abortion is not murder, that they are just terminating a "clump of cells." Nothing would educate women faster that abortion is murder of a human being, than for a law to be passed that clearly states that.

We know that there is much financial support in TX for programs that help pregnant women. There is WIC. There are pregnancy care centers. And many women do find help through churches, family and friends, despite difficulties. Although many pregnant women will still face struggles, that is no excuse for them to kill their own children. It is likely that the abolition of abortion would place a damper on some of the sexual immorality practiced in our state.

One issue that opponents of the bill may raise is that this bill would have implications for the widespread use of IVF. First of all, do you truly believe life begins at fertilization? I do. In a human zygote/embryo, the complete human DNA is present and cells are growing and multiplying, indicating a human being is growing. Considering that 25-30 embryos die in proportion to each live birth from IVF, I think we must discourage IVF. Fertility clinics should not be allowed to grade and discard human beings in embryonic form, which is eugenics. They should not be allowed to freeze embryos in such quantity that they will likely never have a chance to continue their life. They also practice "selective reduction" of multiple embryos, which is abortion.

I know there is much pressure on you as legislators. But I ask you to sit quietly for a moment and examine the purpose for which God allowed you to take office. It was to glorify and obey him by establishing justice in Texas. You are here for a short time, but one day you will be standing before God when you die. At that time, everything that is so meaningful as a legislator will fade away. The pressure of how to please political factions in the House so your legislation will get passed, how to represent and please your constituents, how to function under pressure, will all fade away. I pray that you will be able to stand before God with faith in Jesus to forgive your sins, but then after that knowledge that you will hear Christ say "Well done. You treated the least of these, the tiniest and most innocent human beings, with the same justice and honor for their right to life that you wanted for yourself."

Finally, as a member of the Montgomery County Executive Committee, I would like you to know that we passed a resolution that supports this bill.

Sincerely, Phoebe Wesley

Joanie Burton
Self
Pearland, TX

I am standing up for the protection of an unborn CHILDS right to life and for the criminal liability and justification for prohibited conduct

Lori Fyfe
slef
McKinney, TX

Why is Texas punishing Texas woman with draconian laws like this? This isn't protection this is torture and cruelty. LEAVE TEXAS WOMAN ALONE! Do you not think we are responsible enough to make the right decisions about our own bodies? Apparently not. Abbott, Patrick, and the whole male cruelty crew need to go! This is absurd and it just gets worse and worse.

Thomas Meyer
Self
Plano, TX

Abortion is murder. Please do everything you can to end this horrific practice.

Moises Murillo
Grace Family Baptist Church
Houston, TX

I am in favor of this bill. May justice be established to God's Glory.

joshua miller
self security guard
Bardwell, TX

I am for human rights no matter the age, size, location, brain function or state of being of an individual human being. Anyone who kills another human being should be held accountable because if they are not, we are not a nation (or a state) that has justice for all.

Jeanne Dupre' Weido
Self
Houston, TX

Please Vote NO on HB 2197

Kristy Powers
Self, teacher
Cedar Park, TX

HB 2197 poses a grave threat to reproductive rights in Texas by criminalizing self-managed abortions. This extreme legislation would remove critical legal protections for women, subjecting them to potential prosecution and punishment for making decisions about their own bodies and pregnancies. Such an unprecedented government overreach into personal healthcare decisions is unacceptable. The proposed bill disregards women's human rights by denying them the freedom to make choices aligning with their own circumstances, beliefs, and well-being. It perpetuates an unjust system that prioritizes ideology over compassion and basic liberties. This regressive measure would also inadvertently endanger women's health by driving abortions further underground and deterring those in need from seeking proper medical care or counseling due to fear of legal repercussions. I urge you to firmly oppose HB 2197 and any legislation that strips Texans of their reproductive autonomy. Protect the rights, dignity and wellbeing of your constituents by upholding their ability to make private healthcare decisions without government overreach or coercion. Focus on supporting families and ensuring comprehensive sexual education and access to contraception to reduce unplanned pregnancies. Such an extreme abortion criminalization law is an unacceptable government overreach that undermines fundamental human rights.

Whitney Pope
Self
Caddo Mills, TX

Good Afternoon,

My name is Whitney Pope and I am a Texas resident. I am emailing to ask you to support HB 2197 to abolish abortion in our great state. Babies are still murdered by their mothers who, with immunity, poison their children to death. It's your duty before God and constitutionally to protect all life regardless of race, size, location or level of development. Obey King Jesus and establish justice for all. Please cease from partiality and vote to pass HB2197.

Thank you,

Whitney Pope

Rachel Walden
Self
Cedar Park, TX

Hi! We have the honor of asking for you to vote for, and support HB 2197 by Money. I believe that God calls murder evil, and that everyone should not be able to murder anyone. Life is life no matter how small, and I am asking you to stand in favor of equal protection for any and all life. Please support many Texans who believe this way, and stand with God who see's all and will reward justly. Thank you for your time!

Sincerely,

Rachel Walden

Linda Dieffenbach
Self, Electronic Engineer retired
Eddy, TX

1 in 4 pregnancies end in miscarriage; this law would make simply being pregnant a legal risk. It's cruel, and it puts every pregnant Texan in danger. Fetuses are not people until Mother Nature says they can survive outside the womb. I oppose in the strongest possible terms and so should you.

Frank Jenkinsq
self
Elgin, TX

Thank you for your work on this and know that I support

Timothy Berkley, Mr.
self
Houston, TX

Please urge the chair of the committee, Mr. John Smithee, to give this bill a vote and support equal protection for preborn, as well as born, children in Texas. Please also urge David Cook and A.J. Louderback to support this bill and urge Mr. Smithee to give this bill a vote! I know of many women who have regretted taking the life of their preborn babies. They are made in the image of God just like the rest of us. We were all preborn humans in our lives as well. Please protect the lives of our fellow innocent humans! Thank you!

Tom Buck, Dr.
First Baptist Church Lindale
Lindale, TX

I am in full support of this bill calling for the protection of the lives of all preborn children in the state of Texas and to end the aborting of thousands of babies every year in our state. Every preborn child deserves equal protection under the law and the right to life.

Terry Williams
Myself
San Marcos, TX

My name is Terry Williams and I've spent the last 35 years of my adult life working with women and men making difficult pregnancy decisions as an individual coach or advocate, as well as an executive director of a Texas Pregnancy Center, and as a national trainer for one of the largest affiliate organization of life-affirming, centers in the United States.
I anm vehemently against HB 2197 as it is diametrically contrary to the work of the over 300 pregnancy centers that serve women and men and families in provide every day in our great state. These organizations serve their community by offering Compassionate Care, helpful resources, limited medical services and other professional services, as well as hope to the clients who come to them who are attempting to make hard decisions regarding their pregnancy all while being supported by these organizations, many up until the child's third birthday, many women and men are served post through life-affirming abortion decision through life, affirming programs of healing and numerous women and men return for additional pregnancies because of the care that they received.
HB 2197 sends a poor message to Texans, Texas, women, Texas men, Texas mothers, Texas fathers, Texas families that is contrary to the Compassionate Care that these Pregnancy centers are eager to provide. Dear house of representatives of the state of Texas please allow us to do our job without punishing or judging Texans. Thank you!

Lewis Noah
Self, design professional
Cypress, TX

Make Texas a state that loves life and support this bill

Bianca Arvin-Eagle
Self
Lago Vista, TX

I OPPOSE HB 2197 and I urge you to do the same. Giving fetuses personhood is scientifically impossible. Further, the consequences of this bill would hold pregnant women hostage to their pregnancy, not to mention discourage doctors from providing miscarriage care, lest they be held liable. Pregnant women needs MORE care and protection, not less and this bill would guarantee less. OPPOSE HB 2197

McKenna Tanner

Self (editorial assistant) My views are my own

Houston, TX

Although this bill claims to be concerned with saving lives, it will instead endanger Texan women and families. Determining that life and all rights therein begins at conception would make IVF and similar fertility treatments illegal in Texas, as such treatments necessarily involve producing more embryos than will be implanted and become fetuses. These extra embryos are normally disposed of, but would now need to be maintained—without any clear purpose. Fertility centers will leave Texas rather than try to meet these restrictions. I'm also concerned about how pregnant Texans who experience miscarriage, stillbirth, or complications that result in the death of a fetus will be affected by this bill. Although the bill states that sudden miscarriages are not subject to the stipulations, Texans who have lost a pregnancy would have to be able to prove their pregnancy loss was due to miscarriage in order to avoid prosecution, and this will be difficult, especially if they aren't able to access medical care. The other exception offered in this bill is for "lifesaving procedures" to save the life of the mother. But we have already seen from the abortion ban currently in place in Texas that exceptions "for the life of the mother" do not give doctors enough confidence to intervene in time, as several mothers in Texas lost their lives due to delayed care. Moreover, there are serious conditions that are not fatal but require abortion to avoid permanent organ damage; mothers in Texas have lost their ability to have children in the future due to delayed abortion care. Interventions to protect a mother's health are always critical. With all of these concerns collected, I am left to wonder if the Texas House does not want families in Texas to conceive children. Removing access to IVF for families facing infertility, putting pregnant Texans at risk of going on trial to prove they miscarried, and endangering the life and wellbeing of pregnant Texans with unclear exceptions are extremely anti-family and anti-pregnancy policies. These stipulations make me frightened to try to become a mother myself in Texas. I am scared that if I were to become pregnant, I might not receive the medical care I need, and that if I lost a pregnancy, even though I desperately wanted it, I might have to submit to an investigation or trial, all while grieving the loss of my desired pregnancy. It is already hard enough to get and be pregnant without fear of legal attacks and delayed medical care, and maternal mortality rates are much higher in Texas than in other states, rising 56% between 2019 and 2022, while this rate only rose 11% nationwide. If you want to protect Texas women, focus on maternal mortality and morbidity, and stop trying to prevent us from obtaining medical care and starting families when it's safe to!

Kaitlen Eckmann

Self

Galveston, TX

I strongly oppose this bill. Pregnant Texans already face increased maternal and infant mortality rates; to make them also risk potential criminal prosecution with every pregnancy is downright cruel. Passing this bill would only increase fear, waste resources, and put the lives of Texans at even greater risk.

Diana Halcomb, Mrs.

Self

Round Rock, TX

My family strongly supports HB 2197, and we are all asking that you please pass this bill, in the committee and at all levels. This is a really BIG deal to us! We believe that every baby should be protected, before birth and after birth. Every human being is one of God's creations and we want you to please stop allowing people to kill their babies. Abortions are still happening in Texas and we're begging you to do everything you can to put a stop to this. This is a HUGE priority for us and we ask that you also treat it as a priority and give it consideration today!

Curtis Lawson, Mr

Grace Community Bible Church, Tomball

Montgomery, TX

Please protect the lives of the unborn. It is the right and moral thing to do as the unborn is a human and has a heartbeat. Fully formed at 8 weeks after conception.

Chi-lun Chu
self
Houston, TX

Please support HB 2197. All human life should be protected as indicated in the Constitution. All humans have a right to life, and this right should be recognized. This is a recognition of the higher moral law which binds us all such as was used to abolish slavery.

Teresa Springer
self
ROCKPORT, TX

I am in support of protecting the life of children that have not been born yet. Children are a gift from God and their lives should have equal protection under the law. As a woman who has born 9 children I do not support abortion. Every child is precious. It is not natural for nor moral for a mother to force a child from the womb and it the childs life. I am support in support of this bill protecting an unborn child's rights.

Lucy Lamp
self
Georgetown, TX

HB 2197 is not just an extreme bill, it's an unconscionable threat and an attack on all women and their families, friends and others who care about them, by allowing people who have abortions to be charged with murder. Murder! How would that affect women who have miscarriages? Would they be charged too? What about women who are raped? What if an abortion is required to save the mother’s life? What if this was your sister, your daughter, your niece, your wife?

No one should face the threat of incarceration, let alone the death penalty, for making deeply personal decisions about their health, or taking action to save their lives. Criminalizing abortion in this way does nothing to support life—it only perpetuates fear and control.

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self
point, TX

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Lou Ann Curry
Self
Sachse, TX

Please vote yes on the HB2197 to support the abolishment of abortion in the state of Texas. Please follow God’s law and the Republican platform in passing this Bill. Protect unborn babies from murder!
Lou Ann Curry

Nathanael Haigood
Abolish Abortion Texas
Wichita Falls, TX

My name is Nathanael Haigood. I am a born and raised Texan who currently resides in Wichita Falls. I am also a Christian, and so I appeal to you by the authority of Jesus Christ and his Word to vote on and pass HB2197. This bill is very simple: it simply ensures that, in the state of Texas, murdering anyone is illegal for everyone. It is not motivated by a hatred for women, but by a love for unborn children and for justice. This is the last step necessary to make Texas a truly abortion-free state. This is the inevitable and ultimate end of truly pro-life political action. This is your duty.

Micah Haigood
Self, College Student
Wichita Falls, TX

The Bible says that all people are made in God's image, and that murdering human life is a grievous insult to God. The current caveat allowing women permission to murder their unborn babies is an abomination before God.

The Bible teaches that life begins at conception (and science teaches that too). So, it is our duty to do all we can to protect life from fertilization onward. We must speak up for those who can't speak for themselves. Does history remember those who remained silent during the holocaust? Do we admire those who stood idly by when millions of innocents were murdered? Were such men and women great, strong and good for remaining silent?

No, they were cowards. They were more afraid of the opinion of other people more than disobeying God. And they will be judged accordingly.

Do not be silent. You have no excuse before God to remain quiet. Stand up for the unborn. Fight for their lives. Don't be a coward. Be the person who stood for life, not death.

"If you faint in the day of adversity, your strength is small. Rescue those who are being taken away to death; hold back those who are stumbling to the slaughter. If you say, "Behold, we did not know this," does not he who weighs the heart perceive it? Does not he who keeps watch over your soul know it, and will he not repay man according to his work?"
??Proverbs? ?24?:?10?-?12? ?ESV??

Kimberly DiQuattro
Self, Mom
Lubbock, TX

Abolish abortion ~ child murder in Texas

Nell Brindley
Self
Temple, TX

Please support this important bill.
Mrs Nell Brindley

Jensen Wolfe
Self
Spring, TX

I am a Texan who is a strong believer in our lord and savior Jesus Christ and I'm asking those of you on the committee to pass HB 2197 to establish equal protection under the law for our unborn neighbors here in the Lone Star State. As much as I would love to believe that abortion has ended in Texas, that unfortunately is not the case due to a carve out in the Texas criminal code that gives mothers a free pass to kill their babies at any given moment. Texas's criminal code already establishes pre-born persons as persons so it's time we start treating them as such. Once again, I ask the members of this committee to vote to pass HB 2197 so we can do what God commands us to do which is to protect our preborn neighbors from callous murder.

Mike Jackson
self / retired
Lufkin, TX

I strongly support HB 2197. Murder of an unborn child by any means is a crime against God. I urge the committee to do the right thing in the eyes of God and pass this bill out of committee.

Jason Cauley

Myself

Wake Village, TX

I support the rights of unborn children, HB 2197. It is murder regardless of any excuse. It's also traumatic to the mother and is inhuman to be suggested. I believe the research numbers are higher and narcissistic leaders for abortion advocate this evil. According to the NIH, National Library of Medicine, abortion either medical or criminal has distinctive physical, social, and psychological side effects. Detecting types and frequent psychological side effects of abortion among post abortion care seeking women in Tehran was the main objective of the present study.

Method
278 women of reproductive age (15-49) interviewed as study population. Response rate was 93/8. Data collected through a questionnaire with 2 parts meeting broad socio-economic characteristics of the respondents and health- related abortion consequences. Tehran hospitals were the site of study.

Results
The results revealed that at least one-third of the respondents have experienced psychological side effects. Depression, worrying about not being able to conceive again and abnormal eating behaviors were reported as dominant psychological consequences of abortion among the respondents. Decreased self-esteem, nightmare, guilt, and regret with 43.7%, 39.5%, 37.5%, and 33.3% prevalence rates have been placed in the lower status, respectively.

Conclusion
Psychological consequences of abortion have considerably been neglected. Several barriers made findings limited. Different types of psychological side effects, however, experienced by the study population require more intensive attention because of chronic characteristic of psychological disorders, and women's health impact on family and population health.

Gilbert Trujillo

Grace Life Dallas

McKinney, TX

My name is Gilbert Trujillo, and I support HB 2197 and wish to see it passed out of committee.

Aaron Collier

Self engineer

Bridge City, TX

I support this bill because although some abortions were outlawed, abortifacients are still available. This not only kills the baby, but it harms the mother. Please close this loophole to protect women and children.

Tabitha Ohlman, Mrs.

Self. Wife of 1 man, mother of 6 children

Flatonia, TX

Please vote on and pass into law HB 2197 and protect the next generation of Texas citizens from the moment of conception. Our government does wrong to these future citizens by denying them their rights according to Bill of Rights Amendment 14.
A greater injustice is done in allowing death by chemical abortion because it murders image-bearers of the Creator. He says
“Genesis 9:5-6 NASB
[5] Surely I will require your lifeblood; from every beast I will require it. And from every man, from every man's brother I will require the life of man. [6] "Whoever sheds man's blood, By man his blood shall be shed, For in the image of God He made man.”
And “Proverbs 14:28 NASB
[28] In a multitude of people is a king's glory, But in the dearth of people is a prince's ruin.”
And Proverbs 24:11-12 NASB
[11] Deliver those who are being taken away to death, And those who are staggering to slaughter, Oh hold them back. [12] If you say, "See, we did not know this," Does He not consider it who weighs the hearts? And does He not know it who keeps your soul? And will He not render to man according to his work?”
If you don’t stop the wholesale slaughter of 25,000+ babies a year in our state, God himself will require the responsibility of their murdered blood at your hands. Heaven help you if you turn a blind eye again!
And the excuse “I don’t want to criminalize the mother/parent” is a straw man. If the death penalty was applied to murdering parents/grandparents like it is to regular murderers, the desire for abortions would go WAY down! What sane person wants to get themselves killed?

Ed Zenner, SREC SD23

Self

DeSoto, TX

I support this bill!!

Donna McAleer

Montgomery County Republican Party Executive Committee - Precinct 61 Chair

The Woodlands, TX

I fully support HB 2197 to protect both the life of unborn babies and prevent potential dangerous harm to their mothers.

Betty Taylor, HB 2917 needs to pass !

Self

Brownwood, TX

I support HB 2917, and it is needed because even though Roe was reversed, thousand of babies are still murdered in Texas with abortion pills .

This bill is the only way to end legal abortion in our state.

Human life begins at fertilization, and is worthy of equal protection under the law.

The same laws that protect you and me should protect babies in the womb.
This is the right thing to do under God’s law, it is part of the Republican Platform, and is a major priority for grassroots conservatives in Texas.
We believe it should be illegal for everyone to murder anyone.

Tamra Uvalle
Self: Homemaker
Aubrey, TX

New DNA is formed at conception which means that life begins at conception and that life needs to be protected immediately not at some arbitrary time during development. If someone kills a pregnant woman they are guilty of two murders, the mother and the child. I don't see why it isn't the same if you kill the child inside the mother. Therefore you must vote for equal protection under the law. After all, laws are made to protect the innocent and who is more innocent and worthy of protection than a baby?

Kathy Turner
Self Retired
McGregor, TX

Strongly Support

Lisa Kruger
Self
Point, TX

I support 2197.

LJ Decker
Self/attorney
KATY, TX

I support this bill. Texas should not allow abortions in any way - criminalization is the answer.

Rocky Kruger, Self
Self
Point, TX

I support 2197.

Favi Herrera, Mrs.
Self
Sanger, TX

Saints, the abolition bill will get a hearing in the subcommittee on Tuesday.

I support HB 2197, and wish to see it passed out of committee. We need to provide justice to the unborn.

Ryan Hudson, Dr.
Self - Pharmacist
Houston, TX

Over 25,000 abortions still legally occur in Texas every year. I beg our legislators to do your duty before God and your constituents to stand for justice and support HB 2197. Human life begins at fertilization and is worthy of equal protection under the law. The same laws that protect you and me should protect babies in the womb. This aligns with the Republican Platform, and is a major priority for grassroots conservatives in Texas. It should be illegal for everyone to murder anyone. Praying for our legislators to have courage and do justice! Thank you for your service to the citizens of Texas.

JW Wilson
2197
Quinlan, TX

I support HB 2197

Rachel Milam
Myself
Emory, TX

I support this bill!

Dustin Mykyte
Self
Houston, TX

I truly believe that life begins at birth. There are more people on the adoption wait list each year than there are abortions and we need to protect all lives. Please protect all children's rights

Michael Brady, Rev.
Self
Katy, TX

I'm writing today because I fully support this bill and would like the committee to vote on and approve it. Make abortion completely illegal in Texas.

Susan Milam
Self
Emory, TX

I absolutely support this bill to prevent the chemical killing of an unborn human being while in its mother's womb!How evil this

I absolutely support this bill to prevent the chemical killing of an unborn human being while in its own mother's womb. How despicably evil this is!

Michael Brady
Self
Katy, TX

I became a father at 16. At that time I thought about an abortion but we didn't go through with it. Today I have 4 grandchildren from my son.
If I could raise a child at 16, then so can anyone else who wants to.
And if they don't there are so many people who are not able to have kids and would love to adopt them.
Please stop the murdering of innocent people.
SDG

Randy Purham
Self
Austin, TX

Good evening Chairman and members of this Committee. I am Randy Purham, member of the State Republican Executive Committee for Senate District 21, Precinct Chair here in Travis County, and President of Urban Conservative Culture Association. I am testifying on behalf of myself for House Bill 2197. I fully support this legislation because chemically aborting a baby to terminate a pregnancy is simply dangerous to the mother and outright inhumane to the unborn child. As someone who spent 22 years in the US Army in the Chemical, Biological, Nuclear, Radiological field otherwise known as CBRN, for those older NBC; the effects of corrosive chemical exposure to internal organs can be catastrophic if not debilitating for the long term. No matter how "safe" the procedure is performed.

When and why have we gotten away from preventative care and teaching about responsible practice of sexual activities? Why has abortion methods become the default position in the public discourse when it comes to unwanted pregnancies? We as a society need to stop trying to find ways to shirk our responsibilities in life and own up to our decisions, accept our consequences in life and make the best of what our situations present to us in the time we are in. Killing innocent life isn't the answer nor one of those solutions. I encourage this committee to support the passage of this bill favorably out of committee. Thank you.

Austin Strozier
Self, engineer
Houston, TX

“Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves; ensure justice for those being crushed.”Proverbs? ?31:8
Today in Texas around 25,000 people who are speechless are crushed. Who can be more helpless than a baby in her mothers womb? God’s character insists that we as a state protect and defend the weakest and most defenseless of us. Every zygote, embryo, fetus is a human. A human who deserves every bit of protection and liberty as us.
Please ensure the protection of the unborn children in the womb and pass this bill. May the Father use you to bring an end of abortion otherwise you will incur His judgement.

Drew Russell
Self
Houston, TX

I’m in full support of house bill 2197. Any unborn child has the same right to life as I do. I want this to be voted on and passed to protect innocent life as I know we are called to by God. Opposing this bill would be putting innocent lives at risk of being killed in our own state. I fully believe and will call anyone who reads this to read the Holy Bible (God’s written Word) where it discusses how He knits us and forms us in the whom in his own image. To oppose this would be to look at God’s image bearers and consider their life meaningless inside of a woman’s womb. I believe we should have laws that protect the lives of those that cannot protect themselves, so I adjunte you to abide not my morals, but God’s morals and submit to his authority in this matter. Life begins at conception, and there’s no clearer line to be drawn in when life starts than this. Please protect the unborn children of this state. Please protect unborn children from being murdered.

Nathan Everett
Self, Group Home Manager
Brookshire, TX

I firmly support HB 2197 and urge the committee to vote in favor of passing this bill. I believe human life begins at fertilization and deserves equal protection under the law, just as it does for you and me. Protecting unborn babies aligns with God’s law and reflects a fundamental moral principle: it should be illegal for anyone to take another person’s life.

Brett Nelius

Self

Katy, TX

My wife and I as Texan citizens understand that bad things happen to people. Physical and sexual assaults, hunger, and disease are things every person should hate and seek to eliminate for the good of all. But abortion seeks to fight evil with evil. As foster parents to ant children who have been product of or experienced any and all of these hard times, and none of the children deserved to die because of them. You must pass hb 2197. Murdering people, even out of pity, is still reprehensible. Please protect human life. It all starts with conception, and demands protection from that point on.

Nick Villalon

Self - Teacher

Houston, TX

I support HB 2197 and want the committee to vote on and pass the bill.
Around 25,000+ abortions still happen LEGALLY on Texas soil each year. This bill is the only way to end legal abortion in our state.
Human life begins at fertilization, and is worthy of equal protection under the law. We cannot have a respect for life if we don't respect human life from the earliest stages of development.
The same laws that protect you and me should protect babies in the womb.
This is the right thing to do because all people including the unborn are made in the image of God and this is basis for all people having infinite value and being worthy of dignity and respect. This is also right under God's law, it is part of the Republican Platform, and is a major priority for grassroots conservatives in Texas.
We believe it should be illegal for everyone to murder anyone and I pray you honor God and give Him the glory and honor he is due by protecting every image bearer in and outside the womb.

William Thomson

Self

Houston, TX

My family, going back to Alexander Thomson Jr and the Robertson Colony, quite literally settled this state and have been here since 1835. I unequivocally support HB 2197 and want the committee to vote on and pass the bill. 25,000+ abortions still happen legally in Texas each year. This bill is the only way to end legal abortion in our state. Human life begins at fertilization, and is worthy of equal protection under the law. This is the right thing to do under God's law.

Cameron Reid
Self
Saint Hedwig, TX

I support HB 2197 and I ask that this body vote on and pass this bill.

The law as it stands now carves out an exception for a mother to end the life of her child, yet only before birth. This has at least two major issues.

The first is that there is no meaningful distinction between a child before and after he is born regarding his classification as a living human person. Unborn children meet the biological criteria of being alive, are biologically human, and constitute a complete and separate entity from their parents at all stages of development. Born children meet these criteria, and on these bases receive the same rights under our laws just as any other person. The logical conclusion of this exception is that a mother would be able to end the life of her born child. This is clearly wrong. Therefore, since born children receive protection under the law, so too should unborn children.

The second issue is that this exception makes our laws contradictory regarding the personhood of unborn children. A person who is not the mother of an unborn child cannot end the life of that child on their own initiative. This means that child's life is recognized as worthy of protection in the one case, but not in the other. This act is neither in self-defense nor a response to a capital offense, but it is based on the whims of one person. If our laws state that someone who ends the life of an unborn child should be punished, they cannot also state that someone else can do the exact same act yet go unpunished. This is unfair and must be rectified.

Some say the mother should have complete autonomy with her body, but no one has such radical autonomy. There are battery laws that limit one's ability to use her body to harm another. This same principle should apply to unborn children.

Some say the exception should be made if the child was conceived by force. To this one should ask, should a mother be able to end the life of her one week old for this reason? If born and unborn children have no meaningful distinction regarding their personhood, then the answer should apply both ways.

Parents have the legal and moral duty to protect and provide for their children. Even if the parent has already decided to lawfully relinquish care of their child, they cannot in the interim cease to care for them, nor harm them. Similarly, mothers who do not want their children still must protect them until they can give them away. This requires that the unborn child be allowed to develop naturally without disruption.

This bill retains the legal ground for mothers who face medical complications to be protected under the law if their intent was not to end the life of the child. This bill does not harm mothers, no more than it does men guilty of murder. It protects children that have for too long been unprotected.

Texas is a great state in a great country and it does best when it applies common sense to governance. Let's lead the way for the rest of the country to follow.

God Bless.

Cary (C.T.) Loyd
Self
Round Rock, TX

Honorable members,

Please do the honorable thing and vote yes to move HB 2197 forward.

“LIFE, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness” is a phrase from the Declaration of Independence that exemplifies three unalienable rights given to all humans, BORN OR UNBORN by their Creator.
Please move this bill forward, giving all humans the right to live, liberty and the ability to pursuit happiness.

Thank you,

C.T. Loyd

Alicia Miller
Self, homemaker
Seminole, TX

Regardless of political ramifications, one of the government’s most fundamental jobs is to protect its citizens. We’ve seen what empathy for illegal migration across our southern border has done to our country recently, and how much work and political capital it is taking to fix that now.

There have been far more deaths caused by abortion than by the violent criminals who have crossed the southern border. This murder is done behind closed doors, and privately in homes. The victims cannot speak out, and those who perpetuate these murders are the mothers and fathers who should be the ones most inclined to protect these lives. But out of sight and out of mind is not the same as justice. Empathy for parents who don’t want to raise their child is misplaced empathy. It is your fundamental role to protect these unborn, innocent Texas citizens, and to allow the law to punish those who murder them in cold blood.

As I write this, I am 41 weeks pregnant with my 4th child. Every one of my children has been just as alive in my womb as he or she is now running around. I’ve felt each one’s unique personality in my womb and in my arms. I have also felt the grief and loss of a baby who died in a miscarriage. It’s time to acknowledge what we all know, and what the scientific consensus has been - that life begins at conception. Let’s stop the double speak about babies while they are in the womb. Please vote to give these precious humans their unalienable human rights for their whole life - inside as well as outside of the womb.

Thank you. May God bless this bill, Texas, and those who stand for true justice.

Brenda K Estis
SELF / Retired / SREC SD15 Committeewoman
Houston, TX

I support HB 2197.

Sharon Sarratt
self/self employed
Liberty Hill, TX

I am a seventh generation Texan from a founding family who helped to settle and build Texas even before the Republic days of 1836. My family has fought and bled for her independence and the rights of her citizens. And as a current resident of Williamson County, I am writing to humbly request your support of HB 2197 by Money. I would like to see this bill brought to the house floor for a vote. I firmly hold to the proven scientific fact that human life begins at fertilization, and believe it is worthy of equal protection under the law. As individual persons the same laws that protect you and me should protect babies in the womb. This is their right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness! It is also the right thing to do under the law of God. It is part of the Republican Platform, and is a major priority for grassroots conservatives here in Texas. My fourth great grandfather took a stand at the battle for the Alamo, giving the ultimate sacrifice because he believed in the equal rights of all Texans. Today, I am asking you to make the same kind of historic stand for equal rights for all Texans. It should be illegal for everyone to murder anyone here in Texas.

Patricia Sanford
Self
Katy, TX

Please support Brent Money to gain equal protection under the law for all people, born and unborn. It's imperative this happens so babies will stop being murdered in our great state of Texas.

Jerri Lynn Ward, JD
Self
COLLEGE STA, TX

I support HB 2197.

Maria Janssen, worker
My Self/ Medical Biling/Credentialing Coordinator
San Antionio, TX

Money should not be provided for women to abortion. To many women use abortion as a means for birth control. There're other needs that are more important than killer a life. As a women, women need to learn be more responsible with their bodies than keep getting abortion after abortion. Supplying the fund would make matters
worst, making it easy to get the abortion. By not supplying the money for abortion, will help women to become more responsible. As a woman I hear women saying it's my body, ok then take the precaution and be responsible to not get pregnant too not just to have abortions. Remember life begins at conception. Our fifth commandment says You shall not kill. Thant life as a right too.

Steven Morin
Self
Paris, TX

I think that this is just. If there are penalties for taking the life of a person outside the womb then there should be penalties for those who kill propel inside the womb.

JOSEPH REYNOLDS
Self
McKinney, TX

My name is Joseph Reynolds, I am a resident of McKinney Texas, and I support HB2197, including culpability for the woman committing the murder of the unborn child. I don't recall whether I cannot recall if I have already sent this or not, if I have sent two of these requests, please disregard one of them.

Kristie Rutledge
NA
Rockport, TX

Chair and Committee Members,

I am writing to express my strong support for HB 2197. As the former President of Corpus Christi Right to Life, there is nothing more important than laws to protect the right to life all Texans. The fact that there are still tens of thousands of unborn babies whose lives are unjustly ended in illegal abortions in Texas, underscores the need to pass stronger pro-life laws and HB 2197 is the next logical step. As elected lawmakers, you have a duty to provide equal protection for all Texans, especially unborn babies.

I wish to thank Rep. Brent Money and all of the co-sponsors of HB 2197 for their commitment to ensuring that Texas protects all human life equally from the moment of conception until natural death.

Thank you for considering HB 2197 and please pass this bill out of committee this week.

Sincerely,
Kristie Rutledge

David Futral
Pastor, Bristol Missionary Baptist Church
ENNIS, TX

Please support this bill to protect all human life from conception. God law, which is the supreme law, forbids to killing of innocent human beings. Please support this bill to ensure that equal protection is provided under the law for all Texans from conception till natural death.
Sincerely,

David Futral
Pastor
Bristol Missionary Baptist Church
972-935-8406

Stephen Plodinec
Representing self. Creative Director, UATX
Austin, TX

Abortion is ostensibly illegal in Texas, yet not all Texans presently enjoy the same legal protections you and I do. HB 2197 rectifies this by fully criminalizing all violence against preborn Texans, specifically in the case of a mother’s against her child, which is its most diabolical form and a calamity upon our state. I urge this House committee to uphold and clarify Texas law by advancing HB 2197.

Sonja Allison, Mrs.
self
Conroe, TX

I strongly support HB 2197 and pray that it will be recognized to be in accordance with God's law. You shall not murder is the 6th commandment. Transgressing the moral law of God brings us in the state of Texas guilty before Almighty God for taking the life of an unborn child made in the image of God.

Olivia Bedford
Self, Web Development Analyst
Kingwood, TX

I am in support of this bill!

Ben Mitchell
Self
Mexia, TX

I call upon my representatives to progress this bill forward, eliminating the stain of the blood of the innocent and helpless from the soil of my State. Government can (and does) legislate morality, and given that murder is already a Federal Crime (18 U.S. Code § 1111), and that a "fetus" is already recognized (federally) as an independent person in cases of homicide (see Unborn Victims of Violence Act, enacted in 2004 and codified at 18 U.S. Code § 1841), and, most importantly, that these children are each made in the image of God (Genesis 1:26-27) and deserve equal protection intrinsically and by civil law, I again call for the progression of this Bill through the Congress of Texas.

RoseMarie Guerrero
Self, self employed
Willis, TX

I support this bill because human life begins at fertilization and is therefore worthy of equal protection under the law. Pre-born children are unique human beings with their own biological composition, yet every year over 25,000 pre-born children are legally murdered on Texas soil.

Andrew Golden
Abolish Abortion Texas
Kingwood, TX

If you want to do right by God, this bill fits the bill. It’s the only one that protects human life from conception as God intends(Jer. 1:5). All other “pro-life” bills allow for the murder of babies at some point during the pregnancy. If you want to please man and dishonor God, feel free to ignore this bill, but know that the Lord Jesus will consider you as having blood on your hands. You will be complicit in murder, and God hates the hands that shed innocent blood(Prov. 6:16, 17). Some may say they “don’t want to punish mothers”. Mothers who murder their own children should be liable. There is a standard of justice that transcends our own system. And all of us will be held accountable to that standard. Please do right in the eyes of God and protect the innocent.

Neil Stratton
Self
Katy, TX

We've made so much progress on protecting life and giving all people, even those still in the womb, the basic guarantee of the pursuit of life, liberty and happiness. Please take the next step and support this bill. It's unthinkable that something this simple is not part of our state's charter already.

Kevin Fuhs
self, actuary
Richardson, TX

It is important to demonstrate the gravity of abortion in law - I want to be clear that I fully oppose the death penalty and want the law changed to ensure this (if such a change is needed) but there must be accountability for women who commit murder via abortion as a matter of justice.

Jon Clayton
Self, Software developer
Fort Worth, TX

I an in favor to recognizing the right of the unborn to life.

Cory McGuire
Self - non-profit director
Oakwood, TX

I am writing in strong support of HB 2197. After reading the bill in full, I believe it takes a vital and just step to ensure that Texas law consistently protects unborn life—beginning at fertilization.

We already recognize in Texas that the life of an unborn child has value. When a drunk driver tragically kills a pregnant woman and her unborn child, that person can be, and has been, charged with double homicide. Cases like Gerardo Flores and Adrian Estrada prove that unborn children are already treated as victims under our laws.

But here is the contradiction: when that same unborn child is intentionally killed through abortion—outside the clear exceptions of life-saving care or miscarriage—it is not only legal but celebrated. That contradiction is indefensible.

HB 2197 addresses this injustice. It doesn't criminalize doctors treating medical emergencies or families grieving miscarriage. It removes legal carveouts that violate the Fourteenth Amendment's promise of equal protection and clarifies that ending an unborn life—whether by chemical abortion or other means—is no less tragic than if caused by reckless harm.

Following Dobbs v. Jackson, Texas has full authority to protect life. HB 2197 rightly uses that authority to close legal gaps and affirm the value of every human being, born or unborn. But beyond legal consistency, there is a moral responsibility.

Our nation was founded on the truth that all men are created equal and endowed by their Creator with the right to life. That life begins at fertilization, where a distinct, living human being, made in God's image, is formed. These are not "potential people." They are people with potential.

We swear in officials on the Bible, yet often ignore what it says. Scripture tells us: "You knitted me together in my mother's womb… I am fearfully and wonderfully made" (Psalm 139:13–14), and "Open your mouth for the mute, for the rights of all who are destitute" (Proverbs 31:8). If we believe these words, we must defend the voiceless.

Let us stop the killing of children and the assault on the sacred space God designed to nurture life, the womb. The abortion industry does not offer compassion; it offers fear disguised as freedom, despair masked as choice, and a false solution that ends one life and scars another.

These children deserve the chance to know life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, not just in theory, but in law.

HB 2197 is a righteous step in that direction. Life begins at fertilization. And it's time our laws reflected it.

Paul Gregory
Retired
Magnolia, TX

Please pass this bill out of committee as it establishes equal protection, closes legal loopholes, and affirms moral and constitutional principles.

Shiann Galan
Self
Lubbock, TX

To the Honorable Committee Members,
I strongly support HB 2197. Abortion is the intentional killing of an innocent human life, and no society that claims to value justice, liberty, and equality should ever tolerate it. Our Constitution promises the right to life, yet that right is stripped from the most vulnerable among us—unborn children.

Life begins at conception. This is not a religious opinion—it's a scientific fact. Every abortion ends a living, growing human being's life. These children are poisoned, dismembered, and discarded in the very place that should be safest: their mother's womb. We would never allow such violence against a born child—why should the unborn be any less protected?

As a Christian, I believe God will judge nations that allow child sacrifice. But even apart from faith, the moral clarity remains: abortion is evil. It is time for lawmakers to rise with courage and act to defend the voiceless. HB 2197 is a step toward justice, and I urge you to pass it without hesitation.

Respectfully,

Shiann Galan
Lubbock, TX

Christine Thomas
self
Tyler, TX

This bill is needed in TX. We KNOW that life begins at conception, not just because that is biblical but also because that is scientifically proven. A unique DNA is created when the sperm and egg come together. ALL human life is worthy of protection and equal rights. As a woman, I feel we need to protect our unborn children from this unjust law. They have no equal protection under the law right now and women are allowed to flagrantly bypass the law to induce abortions on themselves. not only does this kill the child in the womb, but it also is extremely dangerous to the women themselves. These abortion pills need to be banned from sales in the state as well, but that's a completely different topic. We must absolutely hold women accountable for their actions. This is murder! They are intentionally ending the life of an innocent human being with malice of forethought! Please help us protect ALL human life with dignity and equal protection under the law!

Andra Haney
CKKC, self
Fair Oaks Ranch, TX

Please support HB 2197. The unborn need protection, as they are unable to speak for themselves. Would any of us have wanted no one to speak up for us when we were in utero?
Please vote for HB 2197.

Jess Larson
Sojourn Baptist Church
Spring, TX

It is of utmost importance that we protect the lives of ALL unborn babies. They being people are entitled to equal protection under the Law. Those babies who are murdered while in the womb should receive justice through a full investigation in order to identify anyone complicit in the killing.

PAUL BROWN
Abolish Abortion Texas
Richardson, TX

We strongly support HB 2197 relating to the protection of an unborn child's rights and criminal liability and justification for prohibited conduct. Abortion is murder, and sadly this kind of murder is still taking place at a rate of at least 25,000 per year, legally, on Texas soil through self-induced abortions. It's time to close the book on abortion in Texas, and pass this bill. We formally request that this bill be given a vote by the Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, and we call on all God-fearing Representatives to vote in favor of this bill.

The same laws that protect you and me (born people) should also protect preborn people. This is about justice, and equality under the law. This is about honoring God, and his commands to protect life, in light of the fact that all humans are made in God's image (from the moment of fertilization).

In addition to being the right thing to do, this is on the Republican Party Platform, and it is a MAJOR PRIORITY for Texas grassroots conservatives. Do not miss this opportunity to do what is right by God, our preborn neighbors, and conservative principles.

Sincerely,

Paul Brown
Abolish Abortion Texas - Director of Policy

Jim Baxa, Dr
West Texas for Life
Lubbock, TX

We strongly support this bill. This is our priority bill for the session. There are thousands of babies being legally murdered in Texas due to loopholes in the existing pro life laws. This bill will close these loopholes. It will save many lives and make Texas the example to the 49 states.

Phillip George, Pastor

Self

Celeste, TX

My name is Phil George and I am a pastor at Grace Life Church in Allen, Texas.
I am in support of bringing HB 2197 out of this sub-committee to receive a hearing before the entire committee.
In Texas in 2020, prior to the Heart Beat Bill and the Trigger Bill, there were about 55,000 of our preborn neighbors murdered that year.
Three years later, in 2024 after the Heat Beat Bill went into affect in 2021 and the Trigger Bill in 2022 after the Dobbs decision, the Texas Department of Heath and Human Services reports 54 abortions for Texas Residents through November 2024.
But the reality is that there were somewhere between 21,000 and 29,000 mail order abortions last year, along with 35,000 Texas women traveling out of state to murder their child – so a total of between 56,000 and 64,000 abortions.
The location of the murder has just moved from healthcare facilities within our state to women's homes and healthcare facilities in other states.
Now, lets turn to HB 2197, which is the only just solution to this problem.
First, this bill is actually backed by science.
If you turn to an embryology textbook, even in our day, a vast majority of them teach that human life begins at fertilization.
Next, this bill is consistent with existing state and federal law.
According to the Texas penal code, an individual means "a human being who is alive, including an unborn child at every stage of gestation from fertilization until birth."
The 14th amendment of the US Constitution says -
"No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws."
All HB 2197 does is recognize both of those legal realities as they relate to our pre-born neighbors.
But, much more importantly than this bill being backed by science and Texas and federal law, is that it is backed by God's Word.
Psalm 139:13-16 For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. 14 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. 15 My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. 16 Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.
Science and God's Word are in harmony, but the Bible further informs us that we are not merely talking about human beings in the womb, but fellow image bearers of God.
Lastly, I want to turn to your duty as representatives.
Proverbs 24:11 Rescue those who are being taken away to death; hold back those who are stumbling to the slaughter.
You are here today before God and this command applies to you individually and as a group.

William Dieterich

Abolish Abortion Texas

Denton, TX

I support HB 2197 and hope it gets passed. We need to start protecting US citizens and care for our neighbor once again.

Anne Odendhal

Advantage Resources, Inc

Tyler, TX

Our family urges the committee vote on and pass HB 2917 because it is clearly established that hman life begins at conception and evg this bill passed!

Shawn Allen Odendhal

self

Tyler, TX

Please make certain this HB is passed so fewer innocent small Texas residents will be born alive and have opportunity to live their life as God intended! Thank-you!

Kassandra Acuna
Self
Howe, TX

I support SB2197 this bill and wish to see it passed out of committed.

Michael Cheng
Self, Software Engineer
Houston, TX

Dear Members of the Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for HB 2197 by Representative Tony Tinderholt, and I respectfully urge you to vote in favor of this bill and move it forward for passage.

Every year, over 25,000 abortions are still happening legally in Texas. While some may think the issue was resolved after the overturning of Roe v. Wade, the truth is that our laws still leave loopholes that allow the legal killing of unborn children. HB 2197 is the only bill that fully closes those loopholes and ensures equal protection for every human life, born and unborn.

I believe that human life begins at fertilization, and that every single person—regardless of their age, size, or level of development—deserves the same protection under the law. The same laws that prohibit someone from taking my life should also protect a baby in the womb.

This is not only the morally right thing to do—it is what God's law demands. As a conservative Texan, I also believe it is consistent with the Republican Party platform and represents the clear will of the grassroots movement in this state.

We do not believe in special classes of people who are unprotected by the law. We believe that it should be illegal for anyone to intentionally take the life of an innocent person—including the unborn.

Please stand for life. Please vote in favor of HB 2197.

Respectfully,
Michael Cheng
Houston, TX

Tamala Mason, Ms.
Self
GAINESVILLE, TX

Honorable Representatives, please vote to pass HB 2917. Let Texas forever stand for protecting the most innocent lives. Life begins at fertilization. Thank you,

Tamala Mason

Sandra Alexander
Abolish Abortion Texas
Cedar Hill, TX

Clearly state that you support HB 2197, and that you want the Requesting the committee to vote on and pass the bill.

Christie Wiley
Self
Rockwall, TX

I am writing in support of HB 2197. I wish for the committee to vote on and pass this bill after the hearing.

Texas has been a leader in the country when it comes to protecting our preborn neighbor however as the law currently stands, there are still over 25,000 abortions that happen in Texas LEGALLY per year. HB 2197 will close the loopholes that allow for all those abortions to continue.

As an engineer, I value science and the science is clear that a new human being is created at the moment of fertilization and so should be extended the basic rights ALL human beings receive, especially the right to life and the government to protect that life. Even more so, as a Christian, I firmly believe that those new human beings at fertilization are image bearers and we are commanded by God to protect the most vulnerable and innocent which these tiny humans are the very definition of vulnerable and innocent. All the same laws that protect you and me should extend to ALL human beings, which includes those in the womb.

Right now, our preborn neighbor does NOT have the same protections as our born neighbor. This is showing partiality to a certain subset of the human race which both history and God's word have warned us against doing. As Texas law stands, there is extreme injustice happening to those who participate in the murder of our preborn neighbor. While Texas law makes murdering a preborn child illegal for the abortionist or almost every other human, there is a loophole that allows the mother of her preborn child to murder her child with no penalty. This means a murdered preborn child will NEVER receive the justice afforded to those who are born because their mother receives immunity while the child is still in the womb. This bill will close that loophole and put Texas as the first state to fully protect our preborn neighbor.

I beg you to pass this bill. This is the right thing to do under God's law, it is part of the Republican Platform, and is a major priority for grassroots conservatives in Texas. While we allow this injustice to continue, the blood of all those preborn children are on our hands. Please, protect our preborn neighbor from all people, including the person who should love them the most, their mother. We must speak for these precious human beings as I am sure they would want a chance at life and be in the arms of someone who will love them.

Cheryl Foster
Self, Retired
Waco, TX

Absolutely outrageous. Please stop hurting and hunting women.

Carrie Baker, Mrs.
Self
Lubbock, TX

Every baby has a right to live, just as important as any adult. God created us all and therefore they should be protected under the law like I'm protected. If someone murdered me, someone would have to be convicted of a crime. Should be that way for unborn babies as well. Please protect the babies!

Robyn Van Eck
self
Honey Grove, TX

Texas should pass HB 2197, to protect the voiceless Texans who are killed, without penalty, daily in our state. Over 25,000 abortions are committed annually in Texas, and it is perfectly legal. These are innocent babies being slaughtered, just children, and our state laws protect the murderers, and let these children be killed with impunity. These little ones cannot cry out, cannot defend themselves - and that is the very thing you, are lawmakers and authorities, have been raised to your positions to do - to provide justice for the oppressed. I urge you to pass HB 2197 and put an end to the murder of our most vulnerable Texans. May God bless you with wisdom and courage to stand against the powerful oppressors and defend these voiceless innocent ones.

Amanda McBride, Mrs.
Self, homemaker
Cypress, TX

I agree with this Bill and want to see it passed. God created man in His own image. Image bearers must be protected from conception to the same degree that born persons are protected. This bill gives us the chance to do that. This Bill gives us the opportunity to totally abolish abortion instead of just making it more difficult. Thank you for your time and may God bless you!

John-Mark Echols
Self Founder and CEO of a Homeless Ministry
Midland, TX

To the Honorable Members of the Committee,

My name is John-Mark Echols, and I serve as the founder of a Christ-centered ministry in Midland, Texas that walks alongside our chronically homeless neighbors. Every day I encounter lives the world considers disposable—but we believe every person has value, not because of their productivity or appearance, but because they are created in the image of God. That's what compels me to speak up for the most vulnerable of all—unborn children.

I strongly support HB 2197 and urge you to pass this bill, which would finally extend equal protection to babies in the womb. These are not potential lives—they are real lives with beating hearts, unique DNA, and God-given worth.

As Christians and as Texans, we must face a sobering truth: the Bible is clear that nations will be judged for shedding innocent blood. I believe that our Country is in the state that it is due to God's judgment for the scourge of legal child sacrifice. Throughout Scripture, God condemns the practice of child sacrifice—calling it an abomination and warning of His judgment upon those who tolerate it (see Jeremiah 19:4-5, Leviticus 18:21, Psalm 106:37-38). How can we stand idly by while thousands of children are legally killed each year on Texas soil?

Legal abortion is the modern equivalent of child sacrifice. It is a grievous injustice that cries out to Heaven for judgment. But we have an opportunity—now—to repent, to act justly, and to love mercy by passing this bill and protecting every precious life. Continuing to allow abortion is a violation of the 14th Amendment, which guarantees that no person shall be denied equal protection under the law—including unborn children, who are distinct human beings with the same unalienable right to life.

Please do not delay justice any longer. Pass HB 2197 out of committee and make Texas a state that truly values every life from fertilization onward. If this committee fails to pass HB 2197, the blood of countless unborn children—image-bearers of God—will be on your hands, for to knowingly allow their destruction is to become complicit in it.

For the glory of God and the good of our children,
John-Mark W. Echols

Rhonda Ward
SREC SD 3
Nacogdoches, TX

I support HB 2197. Chemical abortions must be eradicated.

Thomas Brents
Self
Liberty, TX

Honorable Committee Members,

I strongly support HB 2197, which boldly protects unborn children by recognizing abortion as murder. Recently, House Republicans courageously opposed a resolution honoring Cecile Richards, rightly calling her a champion of baby murder. Abortion destroys real lives, and murder is unequivocally wrong and evil. The government must not create exemptions for such heinous acts, especially against the most helpless and vulnerable. HB 2197 upholds justice by ensuring equal protection for all.

Mandy Kirkland
Myself
Tennessee Colony, TX

I support HB 2197 to outlaw chemical abortions in Texas.

Cathey L Fleming
Myself
Bridge City, TX

I support HB2197