

June 24, 2025

The Honorable Greg Abbott
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Honorable Governor Greg Abbott,

On behalf of Texas Right to Life and the undersigned stakeholders, **we respectfully urge you to call a special session of the Texas Legislature to pass Senate Bill 2880 (89R), the *Woman and Child Protection Act***, in response to the alarming threat of abortion pills.

Approximately 19,000 abortion pills are mailed into Texas each year.¹ Every successful abortion ends the life of an innocent preborn child and places a woman at serious risk. Since the overturning of *Roe v. Wade* in 2022, the abortion industry has shifted tactics, now using abortion pills as their new means of targeting preborn babies in Pro-Life states like Texas.

Abortion pills, in particular, pose a grave threat—not only because they are marketed directly to vulnerable women (often online and without medical oversight), but also because of their high complication rate and the difficulty in prosecuting the out-of-state actors who peddle them into Texas.

The *Woman and Child Protection Act* (Senate Bill 2880 & House Bill 5510 in the Regular Session of the 89th Legislature) offers a strategic and compassionate solution to save vulnerable Texans. It targets those who promote, manufacture, and distribute these deadly drugs—not the women caught in desperate and coercive circumstances.

Abortion also often shields sexual abusers by eliminating evidence of their crimes and allowing the exploitation to continue. Furthermore, abortion pill trafficking enables partners to attempt to kill their preborn children without the mother even knowing. Just this month, a North Texas man was arrested for slipping abortion drugs into his girlfriend's drink, which allegedly ended the preborn child's life. Disturbingly, this isn't the only documented case of such a horrific evil in Texas.²

Regardless of the circumstance, abortion pills are not safe. A recent study by the Ethics and Public Policy Center found that these **abortion drugs are 22 times more dangerous than FDA reports suggest, with 1 in 10 women experiencing serious medical complications.**³

The long-term mental health impacts are equally devastating. **A 2018 meta-analysis of over 877,000 women found an 81% increased risk of mental health problems after abortion**, with links to suicidal ideation, social phobia, and substance abuse. Physically, abortion increases a woman's risk of miscarriage, preterm birth, infection, and even death.⁴

¹ Requests for Self-managed Medication Abortion Provided Using Online Telemedicine in 30 US States Before and After the Dobbs v Jackson Women's Health Organization Decision | Clinical Pharmacy and Pharmacology | JAMA | JAMA Network

² Texas Man Charged After Poisoning Girlfriend with Abortion Pills | Texas Right to Life

³ The Abortion Pill Harms Women: Insurance Data Reveals One in Ten Patients Experiences a Serious Adverse Event | Ethics & Public Policy Center

⁴ Abortion's True Cost: Women's Health and Preborn Lives | Texas Right to Life

Mailing these deadly pills or administering them in Texas for abortion is already illegal; however, we need better tools to fight this growing evil. That is why the Woman and Child Protection Act has been a Pro-Life Priority for our groups this year.

The Woman and Child Protection Act would combat this by:

- Empowering any Texan to sue traffickers, mailers, distributors, and manufacturers of abortion pills at any stage of pregnancy;
- Allowing women or their families to bring wrongful death lawsuits if the woman is injured or killed by abortion pills; and
- Authorizing state-led prosecution for abortion pill trafficking.

Governor, you know well that **abortion not only harms women, but it always ends the life of a preborn child**. With your leadership, we can stop these deadly drugs. Texas has led the nation in Pro-Life policy, but the flood of abortion pills pouring into our state threatens to undo our progress.

We respectfully urge you to convene a special session and place Senate Bill 2880 (89R) on the call. The lives of countless women and their preborn children depend on swift, decisive action.

Sincerely,



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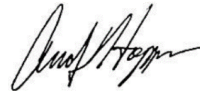
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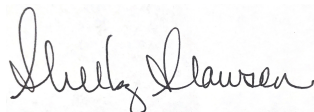
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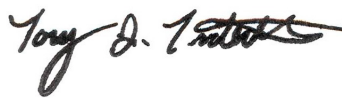
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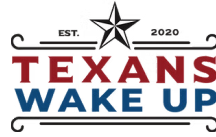
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