

## **Defending the Right to Life is a Legislative Priority**

**Whereas**, the second principle of the 2024 Platform of the Republican Party of Texas affirms belief in “the sanctity of innocent human life, created in the image of God, which should be equally protected from fertilization to natural death”; and

**Whereas**, the 2024 Platform of the Republican Party of Texas states that “all innocent human life must be respected and safeguarded from fertilization to natural death” (Plank 196); and

**Whereas**, the 2024 Platform of the Republican Party of Texas calls upon the Texas Legislature to protect vulnerable patients by continuing reform of Chapter 166 of the Health and Safety Code (Plank 146); and

**Whereas**, Texas has historically played a central role in the national abortion debate following the Supreme Court of the United States’ decision in *Roe v. Wade*, and has since enacted major Pro-Life protections including the Texas Heartbeat Act and the Woman and Child Protection Act (HB 7); and

**Whereas**, elective abortion is prohibited in Texas from fertilization, yet reports indicate thousands of illegal abortion drugs are mailed into the state annually, harming women and killing preborn Texans while neighboring states promote abortion through birth to Texas women; and

**Whereas**, more than a million abortions occur annually in the United States, with more than half committed through abortion pills; and

**Whereas**, the 2024 Republican National Convention recklessly removed a “Right to Life” plank, as well as a call for federal laws protecting unborn life, from its platform; and

**Whereas**, the Democratic Party of Texas’s platform states the intention to “re-establish confidential, unrestricted access to ... abortion, without requiring guardian, judicial, parental, or spousal consent;” and

**Whereas**, innocent human life is also threatened in medical settings when hospitalized patients are subjected to involuntary withdrawal of crucial life-sustaining treatment (like a ventilator) which could end their life; and

**Whereas**, the protection of all innocent human life remains a foundational commitment of Texas Republicans;

**Therefore, be it resolved** that the Republican Party of \_\_\_\_\_ County urges the Legislative Priorities Committee of the State Convention to adopt Continuing to Lead on the Right to Life as an official Legislative Priority of the Republican Party of Texas; and

**Be it further resolved** that the following is a Legislative Priority:

**Defending the Right to Life.** We urge the Texas Legislature to fulfill its duty to protect the Right to Life, and to hold local and federal officials accountable to do the same. This includes additional legislative solutions to stop the murder of babies and harm of mothers by abortion pills, add novel enforcement tools to strengthen existing Pro-Life laws, and safeguard the rights of hospitalized patients from anti-Life medical professionals trying to unilaterally remove life-sustaining treatment (like a ventilator).

Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026, at the Precinct Convention of Precinct # \_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ County Republican Party of Texas.

## **Background for Defending the Right to Life is a Legislative Priority**

### **Problem:**

Recent political developments highlight the urgency of reaffirming protection of innocent human life as a top priority for the Republican Party of Texas. In 2025, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved a generic form of the abortion drug mifepristone. The Biden and Obama administrations removed many safeguards around abortion drugs, and these safeguards have not yet been reinstated.

Tragically, the 2024 Republican National Convention reduced emphasis on federal life protections. Meanwhile, abortion numbers increase across the country. There has been fear that too much emphasis on Pro-Life issues will turn off voters and hinder the success of the Republican Party. However, since the Supreme Court of the United States decided to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, Republicans have consistently won when they have engaged on Life issues. If Texas walks back its stance on life, it will be detrimental to thousands of preborn children and vulnerable patients, it will also be detrimental to our nation, which looks to Texas as a leader for policy.

Despite strong state protections, abortion pill distribution networks continue targeting Texas women and children through interstate and international channels. Existing enforcement mechanisms require continued strengthening to deter trafficking and hold violators accountable.

Simultaneously, vulnerable hospital patients face risks imposed by current Texas law. The Texas Advance Directives Act allows hospitals to remove life-sustaining treatment after 25 days against the wishes of the patient or their family. Potentially fatal testing, such as the apnea test, is also fully legal to be used on vulnerable patients without their consent, raising concerns about due process and patient protections.

The Democratic Party of Texas continues to advocate for abortion on demand, signaling ongoing political efforts to reverse Texas Pro-Life policies. Without prioritizing these issues now, Texas risks thousands of lives before the next State Convention, as well as a lasting effect for generations to come.

### **Solution:**

To maintain Texas' leadership in protecting Life, the Republican Party of Texas should designate Protection of Innocent Human Life as a Legislative Priority, ensuring focused policy advancement that includes:

- Strengthening enforcement against illegal abortion pill trafficking
- Supporting reforms that safeguard vulnerable patients from involuntary life-ending medical decisions
- Proactive policies both statewide and nationally to protect life from fertilization to natural death, including the enforcement of the federal Comstock Act.
- Combatting growing trends across the nation of assisted suicide legalization, which is legalized killing of sick, disabled, and vulnerable people
- Maintaining a clear and consistent Pro-Life legislative agenda

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