



**For Immediate Release - January 29, 2025
A Joint Statement in Support of the HB 2197**

As a coalition of grassroots organizations and individuals, we proudly support HB 2197 filed by Representative Brent Money. HB 2197 would provide equal protection to every preborn child in the state of Texas.

Texas babies are still dying in legal abortions at a horrific rate. Roughly the same number of babies were aborted in 2023, a full year under Texas' most significant pro-life laws, as were aborted in 2021. In 2023, more than 56,000 Texas babies lost their lives to abortion. Around 35,190 mothers left the state to get abortions¹, while 20,662 self-managed their own abortions inside of the state of Texas using the abortion pill².

HB 2197 provides equal protection to the preborn by closing the loopholes in Texas abortion law that keep self-managed abortion legal. By protecting babies in Texas with the same laws and justice system that protects our lives, we are simply loving our preborn neighbors as ourselves.

Without HB 2197 on the books, abortion will remain legal in Texas. If passed into law, HB 2197 would save tens of thousands of lives in Texas every year. HB 2197 would also protect mothers from pimps and traffickers who exploit the legality of self-managed abortion to force mothers into abortion.

The platform of the Republican Party of Texas explicitly calls on the legislature to enact precisely the type of legislation that Representative Money has filed: "We urge the Texas Legislature to enact legislation to abolish abortion by immediately securing the right to life and equal protection of the laws to all preborn children from the moment of fertilization and to oppose legislation that discriminates against any preborn children and violates the United States Constitution by denying such persons equal protection of the laws..."

Texas Penal Code Section 19.06 denies equal protection to preborn children and is, therefore, in violation of the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which reads, "No state shall deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws."

The RPT platform and The Constitution give the Texas legislature a powerful mandate to take immediate action to end legal abortion in Texas. But, most importantly, the legislature has a mandate from God to end abortion in our state. Proverbs 24:11 commands us to "Rescue those who are being taken away to death; hold back those who are stumbling to the slaughter." Legalized abortion is dragging tens of thousands of Texas babies to their deaths.

The time to end the horrors of abortion in Texas is now. We urge the legislature to pass HB 2197 without delay.

¹ The Guttmacher Institute

² <https://faa.life/sma>, Journal of the American Medical Association



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