

January 23, 2020

To the Texas Mayors, City Council Members, and Local Officials:

Texas is rapidly dropping through the ranks of Pro-Life states, and the abortion industry has set their sights on expanding their reach in our state. The Texas Legislature will not meet again until January 2021, and tragically more than 50,000 abortions will occur this calendar year. However, Senate Bill 22, which passed in the 2019 Legislative Session, prohibited tax dollars from funding abortion providers and their affiliates at the state and local level and included an amendment specifically clarifying that the bill does not prohibit cities and counties from banning abortion.

Taking their cue from this amendment, on June 11, 2019, the City Council of Waskom, Texas, passed an ordinance banning all abortions within their city limits and prohibiting any abortion provider from doing business within the town's jurisdiction. Local municipalities are uniquely positioned in our fight against the injustice of abortion and thankfully cities across Texas are now following in Waskom's footsteps as Pro-Life Texans introduce similar ordinances in their own hometowns. As elected officials who voted for this legislation, we are thrilled to see this wave of Pro-Life action at the local level and hope to see these ordinances continue to spread across our state.

The Sanctuary City for the Unborn ordinance outlaws abortion within city limits, declares abortion to be murder, and protects municipalities from abortion providers setting up shop within the city's jurisdiction. The ordinance does not defy federal law, but enables cities to take bold action for Life while remaining within the existing legal framework of *Roe v. Wade*. The ordinance does not contradict the United States Constitution; rather, the language is intentionally and carefully drafted to protect both tiny Texans from abortion *and* cities from costly lawsuits. Since there is some immediate enforcement, through civil liability, the ordinance serves as an important deterrent to the abortion industry from moving into their jurisdiction. Importantly, the ordinance does not penalize women who seek or undergo abortions, but places the penalty on the party who most deserves it -- the abortionist and the industry profiting from the unjust procedure.

As state elected officials who are trusted by Pro-Life Texans to stand for Life at every available opportunity, we cannot afford to sit by and do nothing. Sanctuary City for the Unborn ordinances are gaining momentum as Pro-Life Texans seize this opportunity to protect their unborn neighbors. Thus far, several Texas towns have already passed these ordinances protecting their tiniest citizens, including Waskom, Naples, Joaquin, Tenaha, Gilmer, Westbrook, and Rusk. Many more municipalities are in the process of bringing the ordinances before their city councils.

Each city that passes this ordinance is outlining Pro-Life territory within Texas, advancing the movement across the state, and preparing for the day when *Roe v. Wade* is overturned and the issue of abortion is returned to the individual states. This is a viable and crucial opportunity for

local governments to protect their most vulnerable members. We look forward to partnering with you as we seek to defend innocent human Life at every level of government.

Therefore, we, the undersigned, respectfully encourage Texas Mayors and City Council members to pass ordinances declaring their municipalities a Sanctuary for the Unborn.

Thank you for your consideration.

Signed,



State Senator Charles Perry (R-Lubbock)



State Senator Donna Campbell (R-New Braunfels)



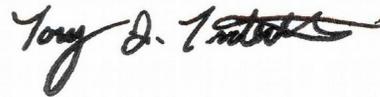
State Senator Dawn Buckingham (R-Lakeway)



State Representative Dustin Burrows (R-Lubbock)



State Representative Dennis Paul (R-Houston)



State Representative Tony Tinderholt (R-Arlington)



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State Representative Steve Toth (R-The Woodlands)



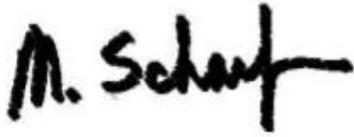
State Representative Jonathan Stickland (R-Bedford)

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Lang". The letters are cursive and fluid, with a long, sweeping tail on the "g".

State Representative Mike Lang
(R-Granbury)

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cole Hefner". The letters are cursive and elegant, with a long, sweeping tail on the "er".

State Representative Cole Hefner (R-
Mount Pleasant)

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. Schaefer". The letters are cursive and bold, with a long, sweeping tail on the "er".

State Representative Matt Schaefer
(R-Tyler)