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Ms. Allison Hughes
Department of State Health Services
1100 West 49th Street
Austin, Texas 78756

Dear Ms. Hughes,

I am contacting you to state my support of the proposed rule changes that are being considered by the Department of State Health Services, as they relate to the disposition of human remains originating in an abortion facility.

I join my colleague, Senator Don Huffines, in support of the proposed updates to 25 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 1, §§1.132 – 1.137, concerning abortion providers' treatment and disposition of fetal remains. It is a much needed and proper way to affirm the value and dignity of some of the most vulnerable members of the Texas population, unborn children.

I truly believe that the common sense, faith-based reasoning of the vast majority of Texans would also agree that the dignity of life has to be maintained, even in the face of death. Therefore, I commend the Department of State Health Services on working to update these rules with rational and humane improvements, so that Texas may continue to ensure that all members of her population are treated with dignity and respect.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or my office should you have any additional questions or need any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul Bettencourt".

Senator Paul Bettencourt