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Senator Angela Paxton's Statement on the "Human Life Protection Act"

Austin, TX - Senator Angela Paxton passed the "Human Life Protection Act" (House Bill 1280) in the 87th Texas Legislature in 2021 to end abortion in the event and to the extent that the United States Supreme Court reverses its precedent preventing states from banning abortion as a result of *Roe v. Wade* and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*.

"As an adopted child, I have a deeply personal perspective on the value of human life," said Senator Paxton. "My life began as the result of an unplanned pregnancy, and I am thankful my birth mother chose life. The Human Life Protection Act promotes human dignity by protecting the unborn in Texas."

Last night, a draft of an opinion in the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* was leaked from the United States Supreme Court that suggests the Supreme Court is set to rule to overturn *Roe v. Wade* and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*. If this draft opinion is accurate, the Human Life Protection Act will automatically trigger Texas to be a sanctuary state to protect the lives of innocent babies.

"All people - born and unborn - deserve protection of their inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness," says Senator Paxton. "These rights build on one another, and if we do not protect the unborn as a society, true liberty and any subsequent pursuit of happiness are impossible. All people deserve to be treated with dignity, and the way we treat the defenseless among us is the measure of the nobility of our culture. It is my prayer that this signal from the United States Supreme Court will become reality."

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