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SENATOR JOHNSON FILES BILL TO PROTECT TEXANS FROM ABORTION TRAVEL BANS

AUSTIN, TX – During the fourth special session, Senator Johnson filed SB 45, to prohibit the enforcement of any local ordinance that bans travel based on what the traveler intends to do outside the local jurisdiction.

Johnson's bill is a response to the growing number of cities and counties that are passing ordinances purporting to bar pregnant women from traveling through their territory *en route* to another state to receive an abortion. Senator Johnson warns of the danger of such measures:

"I generally give strong deference to local authority on matters of local governance. But this is not about local governance. This is a flagrant infringement upon the constitutional right to interstate travel. It's pernicious Big Government acting at the local level, and for the benefit of all citizens, the state has an obligation to stop it."

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About Senator Nathan Johnson: He represents almost a million people in Texas's Senate District 16, a commercially and culturally vibrant district that sprawls throughout Dallas County. Johnson currently serves on the Senate Committees on Business & Commerce; Jurisprudence (Vice Chair); Water, Agriculture & Rural Affairs; and Administration.

