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CAMPBELL COMMENDS GOVERNOR PERRY FOR ADDING PRO-LIFE ISSUES TO THE SPECIAL SESSION

Senator relishes new opportunity to pass abortion facilities and fetal pain bills.

AUSTIN-- Senator Donna Campbell applauded Governor Perry for his leadership in adding pro-life issues to the call yesterday, citing facts that have come to light in the wake of the Kermit Gosnell trial as a reason to act now to restrict late-term abortions and regulate abortion providers.

"Tragedies occur when industries operate at substandard levels. The Gosnell trial proved the abortion industry is not just operating below standard, but in many cases without standards," Senator Campbell said. "I am deeply troubled by all abortions, but in particular late-term abortions and questionable safety standards at abortion facilities with the potential to harm women. I commend the Governor for listening to lawmakers' pleas to address these issues as part of the special session."

Senator Campbell was a proponent of two key pieces of abortion-related legislation during the 83rd regular session. She joint-authored the Fetal Pain Bill, which limits abortions past 20 weeks, and the Abortion Facilities Bill, which requires facilities to meet the same minimum health and safety standards as ambulatory surgical centers. Both fell one vote short of reaching the Senate floor.

She spoke in favor of the Fetal Pain Bill in Houston with Governor Perry earlier this year. "The state of Texas has an interest and an obligation to protect our most vulnerable Texans and that includes pre-born infants capable of feeling pain," she told the crowd.

The Senate Health and Human Services Committee will hear testimony Thursday on the newly filed abortion-related bills of which Senator Campbell is a co-author.

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