

**Testimony on Six Anti-abortion Bills**  
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The Texas Freedom Network, an organization of more than 170,000 religious and community leaders and young people who support equality and social justice.

I am speaking in opposition to six bills before the committee today: HB 1280, HB 1515, HB 2337, HB 2313, HB 3218, HB 3760.

Abortion is health care, and polling shows that the majority of Texans support the constitutional right to obtain one. This legislation represents yet another reckless, unconstitutional attack on the right of Texans to access to safe, legal abortion care.

All Texans should be free to determine the course of their own reproductive lives, including whether and when to become a parent. Nobody should face fear, stigma, or unnecessary barriers when seeking out reproductive health care, including abortion care.

Research shows one in four women will have an abortion in her lifetime. It is no one's place — especially not the government's — to interfere in the reproductive decisions they make, including decisions about abortion and birth control.

When people can make decisions that are best for their lives, families thrive and we build communities where each of us can participate with dignity and equality. And when someone decides to have an abortion, it should be safe, affordable, and free from punishment or judgment.

TFN urges the House Public Health Committee to defend the right of Texans to make their own reproductive health care decisions and not to approve these bills for consideration by the full House