

Sen. Robert Nichols, Chair

Statement on funding for Texas Women's Health Program

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Statement Regarding Funding for the Texas Women's Health Program

We, the undersigned members of the Texas Legislature, voted for Senate Bill 7 during the first called session of the 82nd Legislature in 2011, which included provisions to prohibit abortion providers and their affiliates from receiving Texas taxpayer dollars.

The Texas Constitution empowers our legislature with the responsibility to pass laws that govern our state, and we fully expect and support Governor Perry's efforts to enforce legislation that was duly passed and signed into law by the governor.

The rule of law must be respected in Texas, and there can be no discretion regarding which laws are to be enforced. We stand ready to work with Governor Perry and other state leaders to continue providing women's health services funded through Senate Bill 7, in full compliance with Texas law.

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Sen. Brian Birdwell

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Sen. Tommy Williams

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