

Help stop Travis County tax-funded abortions!

This newsletter helps you make one contact a month to policy-makers to protect innocent human lives.

Last Month

Last month we again asked you to contact and ask **your** U.S. Representative in Washington, D.C., to **oppose** HR 3200, the health care bill, unless there is an explicit exclusion of abortion coverage. Without an abortion exclusion, HR 3200 would be an enormous health care abortion mandate and would be the greatest expansion of abortion in the U.S. since *Roe v. Wade*. HR 3200 has not yet been considered, but may be brought up in mid October.



This Month

We ask you to mail a letter to each member of the Travis County Healthcare District (TCHD) Board of Managers to oppose tax-funded abortions. The TCHD is funding abortions with county tax dollars. They currently contract to one or more abortion facilities for the abortions for low income women. Women get a voucher that is presented at the abortion facility to pay for the abortion. The current annual budget includes a line item totaling a whopping \$450,000!

Our research has revealed that the City of Austin has funded elective abortions since the 1970s. In 2003, the TCHD was created to use county property taxes to pay for health care at local hospitals and clinics. The TCHD now pays for the abortions.

The TCHD's budget is created by a Board of Managers, which must approve the abortion contract with a separate vote. Letters may have a great effect in getting this policy changed.

Travis County Healthcare District Board of Managers:

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Sample message (please use your own words):

Dear _____,

I understand that the Travis County Healthcare District pays \$450,000 per year for abortions. Abortion takes the lives of unborn children and harms their mothers. Tax dollars should not be used to destroy innocent human lives. Please change this policy so that these funds are used to help save lives, not to destroy them.

Sincerely,

your name and address