



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

**GREG ABBOTT**

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Joe Pojman  
Texas Alliance for Life

To Joe Pojman, the Texas Alliance for Life, and all who gather today to celebrate life: I extend my thanks to all of you for your tireless efforts this past year.

Because of you, Texas leads the nation in defending those who do not have a voice. Because of you, House Bill 2 became law last session. Because of you, innocent life is protected after five months, the unborn are spared pain, and safety standards for women are improved.

When HB 2 was challenged in court, we vigorously defended it, and we won. It has been my honor to defend innocent life while serving as your Attorney General, and protecting the unborn will always be a priority while serving as your Governor. Because, of all the titles I have held, the title that matters most to me is Dad.

Our lives were blessed and forever changed the moment Cecilia and I held our daughter the day she was born. Each day, we thank God for the precious gift of Audrey's life, and for the woman who was strong enough to give Audrey a new life with our family.

That is why I believe so strongly in promoting adoption as a loving alternative to ending a child's life. And that is why I was so pleased to work with Joe, the Texas Alliance for Life, members of the Texas Legislature, and all of you on the Choose Life license plates bill. Since 2011, sales of these specialty license plates have raised more than \$100,000 to promote adoption in Texas.

But there is more we can do. There is more we must do. Being pro-life means caring for the whole life, from conception to natural death. And we must fight to give every Texan an opportunity to succeed in life. Because every life has purpose. Because every person, no matter the challenges they face is precious. Because we are all made in God's image.

There are challenges to come, but I know there is hope, because I know the resolve of all who stand witness at the Texas Capitol today. With the grace of God and your continuing commitment, we will defend life in Texas!

Sincerely,

Governor Greg Abbott