



PRESERVE LIFE—PASS HB 3074 WITHOUT AMENDMENT

Senator:

Soon the Senate will take up consideration of HB 3074, which requires the provision of artificial nutrition and hydration for patients who wish it, unless the provision of food and water causes greater harm to the patient. Our organizations are committed to work to see the bill, authored by state Rep. Drew Springer (R-Muenster) and sponsored by Sen. Charles Schwertner, through to signature by Governor Abbott.

HB 3074 is a negotiated compromise that was passed *unanimously* out of the House due to the support of **ALL THE PRO-LIFE AND MAJOR DISABILITY RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS ORGANIZATIONS IN THE STATE** (see the signed agreement, attached). Texas Alliance for Life, the Texans for Life Committee, Texas Right to Life, Texas Catholic Conference, and the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities all supported the legislation in the recent Senate Health and Human Services Committee.

HB 3074 corrects current law that allows food and water to be withheld from patients to hasten death. Food and water is a basic to life; denying them with the intent to bring about death is barbaric. HB 3074 is a negotiated compromise that requires continued provision of food and water to a patient in the natural process of death, unless it meets five criteria by which providing food and water could actually exacerbate the patient's suffering or bring about death.

Please support Texas' pro-life and disability rights advocates to **REJECT ANY POTENTIAL AMENDMENTS** that may attempt to derail this legislation. We urge that you vote in favor of HB 3074 and send it to final passage.

Thank you.