



New Mexico State Legislature

STATE CAPITOL
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To City Councils, County Commissions, and Local Officials throughout the State of Texas:

Since November 2022, several cities and counties throughout the State of New Mexico have passed “sanctuary for the unborn” ordinances in an attempt to do what is best for their communities. These cities and counties passed these measures in spite of Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham's demented desire to make New Mexico the abortion capital of America.

Since September 2021, when the Texas Heartbeat Act went into effect, we have seen over 1,000 abortions per month come into the State of New Mexico from the State of Texas. Not only has this influx of abortions caused the deaths of many innocent Texans, but it is putting an extreme burden on our limited healthcare system in New Mexico. This may lead to a significant health crisis in the State of New Mexico if reasonable measures are not passed on abortion trafficking within the State of Texas, as our health system cannot handle the significant number of emergencies that are the result of the influx of approximately 11,000 Texas abortions per year. As state legislators we stand concerned about the impact this has on the health, safety, and enjoyment of life of the residents of New Mexico and those who are visiting from the state of Texas.

While the ordinances passed in our cities and counties in New Mexico are different from the ordinances which have been passed in cities and counties throughout Texas, our communities are seeking to do as much as they possibly can to protect our communities under the leadership and the laws of the State of New Mexico. We are doing this despite facing overwhelming opposition from state leaders who are in lock-step with the most pro-abortion administration in the history of America.

Of course, we cannot fight the Biden Administration's radical abortion agenda alone. This is why it is a great encouragement to us that allies across the New Mexico-Texas border are considering proposals which would prohibit abortion trafficking into New Mexico. While we will never stop fighting for unborn life on our turf in New Mexico, the victory is made more achievable when cities and counties in Texas are doing their part to defend innocent human life as well.

Therefore, we, the undersigned, respectfully encourage city and county officials across the State of Texas to further the passage of ordinances outlawing abortion and abortion trafficking within their jurisdictions.

Sincerely,

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