

★ Texas Has a Healthcare Crisis

Texas is now at the bottom of the nation in healthcare access and maternal and child health. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 23.6% of Texans are uninsured and Texas ranks dead last of the fifty states. Current leaders brag about our “booming economy” but this has not translated to healthier Texans. Abbott has wasted billions on political stunts but he has failed to safeguard our most precious resource, our people.

★ This Is Not Pro-Life

Texas ranks 43rd in the nation for maternal mortality and 50th in access to “high-quality prenatal and maternal care, and one of the main reasons is the difficulties women face in getting healthcare coverage both before and after their hospital stay to give birth,” says Houston OB-GYN Dr. Rakhi Dimino of the Texas Medical Association. The current Texas government has endangered lives by removing reproductive rights and done nothing to protect mothers and children.

★ Even Worse in Rural Texas

Most of rural Texas is a healthcare desert. The Texas Organization of Rural and Community Hospitals reported 26 hospitals in 22 rural Texas communities closed between 2010 and 2020, worse than any other part of the nation. Texas made up a whopping 19% of the rural hospital failures in the entire country. This is a crisis situation. How far do you drive for quality care? Can you even get quality care? Under Abbott, it promises to get even worse.

★ An Obvious Solution

Texas is at or near the bottom on many areas of healthcare. One obvious solution to this crisis: we need to accept Medicaid expansion.

1,748,000 – The number of additional Texas residents who would be covered if the state accepted Medicaid expansion

771,000 – The number of people who have no realistic access to health insurance without Medicaid expansion

6,000,000,000 – The number of federal dollars Texas is leaving on the table in 2022 by not expanding Medicaid

Better healthcare for Texans means a healthier, stronger, and more productive Texas. Democrats will work to bring \$6 billion per year back to Texas. We will prioritize this money for healthcare, not political stunts.

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