



DONNA CAMPBELL, M.D.
TEXAS STATE SENATOR
DISTRICT 25

For Immediate Release:
Tuesday July 2, 2013

Contact: Jon Oliver
512-463-0125

**SEN. CAMPBELL STANDS WITH WOMEN WHO HAVE BEEN
HARMED BY ABORTION, SPEAKS AT PRESS CONFERENCE**

Sen. Campbell Says Testimonies Show Abortion Industry Must be Regulated

AUSTIN-- Speaking at a press conference at the Capitol Monday, Senator Donna Campbell stood up for Texas women who have suffered physical, emotional, and psychological harm from having an abortion. Dressed in her scrubs and fresh from working a weekend shift in the E.R., Senator Campbell applauded the women for sharing their brave and heart-wrenching testimonies and called for safer facilities for women who undergo abortions as well as further restrictions against late-term abortions.

"Tragedies occur when industries operate at substandard levels. The stories these brave women have shared today prove the predatory abortion industry is not just operating below standard, but in many cases without standards," Senator Campbell said. "I am deeply troubled by all abortions, but in particular late-term abortions which are abhorrent procedures in which the pre-born infant feels pain and the woman's life is in the most danger from medical complications."

Several women gave testimony of the troubling abortion industry, describing themselves as victims who were not told the truth or given proper medical counseling by abortion doctors or facilities. Among those were a former high school basketball star who played in the WNBA, a CEO's daughter, and married and single women.

"I am one woman who has been hurt and injured by the 'legal, unregulated' abortion industry in Texas but I am speaking for tens of thousands of Texan women like me," said Molly White, one of the women who spoke Monday before Sen. Campbell. "Laws are designed to protect people from exploitation and abuse. When businesses don't have to comply with the same laws as other businesses then they quickly become seedy, back alley businesses. We were promised safe abortion once it was legalized and what we got is the same seedy, back alley, shoddy abortion clinics."

In addition, over 900 legally-admissible written testimonies of Texas women hurt by abortion were presented by Allan Parker, President of The Justice Foundation.

Senator Campbell was a proponent of two key pieces of abortion-related legislation during the 83rd regular session. She joint-authored the Fetal Pain Bill, which limits abortions past 20 weeks, and the Abortion Facilities Bill to bring facilities up to minimum health and safety standards, as well as co-authoring SB 5 in the Special Session.

###

Senator Donna Campbell represents Senate District 25 which includes all or parts of Bexar, Comal, Guadalupe, Hays, Kendall and Travis counties. She is a practicing emergency room physician who lives in New Braunfels with her husband and the youngest of their four daughters.