

June 19, 2019

Representative Michael Burgess, MD
Ranking Member
Health Subcommittee
Energy and Commerce Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
2322 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Dr. Burgess,

I would like to draw your attention data showing overall positive trends in Texas including a reduction in the number of abortions year after year.

Between 2011 and 2015, the last year for which data is publicly available, the minor pregnancy rate in Texas fell by 39 percent, the minor birth rate fell by 36 percent, and the minor abortion rate fell by 53 percent. Additionally, during this time the overall abortion rate in Texas declined by over 29 percent and the state birth rate exhibited little change.

Please see the attached chart for notable statistics made publicly available by the Texas Department of State Health Services at <https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/chs/vstat/annrpts.shtm>.

Sincerely,

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	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Pregnancy Rate, 15-44	82.9	82.1	81.1	80.4	79.9
Pregnancies, 15-44	447,575	448,833	449,523	454,001	458,338
Live Births, 15-44	376,185	381,315	385,949	398,369	402,275
Abortions, 15-44	69,354	65,534	61,513	53,484	53,934
Female Population 15-44	5,396,955	5,464,147	5,545,528	5,646,735	5,736,537
Pregnancy Rate, 13-17	19.4	17.2	15.2	13.1	11.8
Pregnancies, 13-17	17,825	16,049	14,464	12,837	11,798
Live Births, 13-17	14,630	13,469	12,234	11,098	10,148
Abortions, 13-17	3,107	2,522	2,163	1,658	1,585
Female Population, 13-17	920,525	933,656	954,592	980,083	1,000,801

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