



**Written Testimony of Nicole Hudgens
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Texas Senate Health and Human Services Committee
On Texas SB 22**

Good morning- my name is Nicole Hudgens. I am the Senior Policy Analyst for Texas Values, the largest statewide organization standing for faith, family, and freedom for the state of Texas with over 100,000 supporters in all 254 counties in Texas. I'm also a resident of Austin and am speaking in favor of SB 22.

The bill ensures taxpayer dollars are not used to fund, lease, or donate to abortion groups, like *Planned Parenthood*, nor will taxpayer dollars be used to fund lobbying for abortion groups or affiliates. We support the bill for the following reasons:

SB 22 protects taxpayers from funding services, practices, and organizations that violate their moral conscience, such as abortion and hiding child sex abuse.

SB 22 prevents local abortion groups, like *Planned Parenthood* in Austin, from receiving "sweetheart" rent deals while families and low-income individuals in the surrounding area struggle to maintain housing, schools, and livelihood.

It's not fair that Planned Parenthood can rent -property owned by taxpayers- for the grand total of \$1 per year.

The property is worth over \$111,000 per year and Planned Parenthood is paying \$1 to rent the property.

It's not fair that residents are dealing with school closures and major increases in property taxes. Just the recent increase of residents' property taxes are equivalent to Planned Parenthood's annual rent for thousands of years!

My roommate and I had a monthly increase of property taxes. And just our monthly increase in taxes is equivalent to Planned Parenthood's rent for hundreds of years.

If citizens want to donate to *Planned Parenthood*, the organization that has covered up child sex abuse and has been caught on tape discussing the selling of aborted baby body parts for profit, this bill does not stop that. But it does protect taxpayers like myself and over 100,000 Texans from being forced to use our money against our beliefs.

SB 22 protects citizens against government favoritism towards groups like *Planned Parenthood* and other abortion providers over other government programs that can provide services to the community- without the controversy.

We urge this committee to favorably pass SB 22.