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## **ACT TODAY - Oppose HB 214 & HB 14!**

**We are not crying wolf!** Both bills place women's health in danger at a time when Texas has an extremely high maternal mortality rate. **Scroll down and click on the photos or the links to send your Representative emails on these bad, bad bills!** Your pro-choice Representatives need to hear they have the support of their constituents. Anti-abortion Representatives need to hear from their pro-choice constituents.

### **Thank you for taking action today!**

**HB 214** will prohibit insurance plans from providing coverage for elective abortions, not only plans under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act but also private insurance policies, state-issued insurance and employee and group policies.

Enactment of HB 214 will put an unreasonable financial burden on most women seeking abortions. Although the bill allows private individual insurance providers to offer coverage through supplemental policies at extra cost, that extra cost would be prohibitive for most women. Without insurance coverage for this safe medical procedure, many will turn to cheap and unsafe methods and providers, endangering their lives.

**HB 14** will prevent local governments from allocating funds or providing other benefits to local clinics -and their affiliates - that provide critical reproductive services, including abortions, to women seeking them.

The scope of this bill is vast and could result in more clinic closures and deny reproductive healthcare (not just abortions) to many women, particularly low-income women and women of color. Texas women deserve and demand access to reproductive health and rights which this bill aims to restrict and stigmatize.

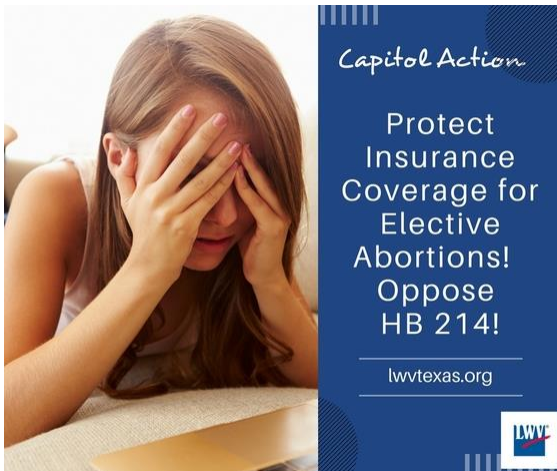
Local governments should not be stripped of their powers to enter contracts with or allocate funds to local organizations that benefit their communities. Citizens in all cities,

large and small, expect and hold their local officials accountable to serve their communities in accordance with shared community values.

## **ACT NOW!**

Click on the **photo** or the **link** to send your representative a message supporting women's reproductive health. Your pro-choice Representatives need to hear they have the support of their constituents. Anti-abortion Representatives need to hear from their pro-choice constituents.

Phone calls are even better! Find your [elected official's phone number here](#).



[Click here to tell your Representative to vote No on HB 214!](#)

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**More Anti-Abortion Bills to Come -- Let's fill our Representatives' inboxes with pro-choice messages!**

See LWV-TX Women's Health & Reproductive Rights Issue Chair Julie Lowenberg explain the bills we expect to be introduced in the video below.

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