### NARAL PRO-CHOICE TEXAS —

# A PROACTIVE AGENDA for Reproductive Rights and Access to Health Care

NARAL Pro-Choice Texas is committed to expanding access to abortion care and birth control, ensuring Texans have the support they need to build the families they choose, and can access the health care they need regardless of economic status.

## Safeguard Texans' ability to make their own reproductive health care decisions including abortion without interference from extremist politicians.

Politics don't belong in the exam room. Physicians and other licensed qualified health care providers should be able to practice medicine without being forced to lie to their patients. The biased and inaccurate counseling, mandatory waiting periods, and sonograms forced upon Texans seeking abortion care must be repealed. Texans should be free to make their own reproductive health care decisions without discrimination from their employer.

Support SB 150 the Whole Women's Health Act.

Support adding reproductive health decisions to protected employment conduct

#### Expand access to safe, legal, affordable abortion care for everyone.

Repealing Texas' ban on Medicaid and public health insurance coverage for abortion ensures all Texans who choose to have an abortion can access the procedure, regardless of income or zip code. Expand access to abortion by allowing qualified APRNs to perform first trimester abortions. Crackdown on Anti-Abortion extremists who block access to clinics.

Support HB 895 Rosie's Law,

Support Expansion of abortion provision by APRNs

Support a state level FACE (Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances) Act.

## Ensure all qualified medical providers, including Planned Parenthood and independent abortion providers, can participate in state health programs.

All Texans should be able to access preventative care, such as cancer screenings, contraception and annual exams at the provider of their choice. In order to ensure this care is accessible, to reduce unintended pregnancies and save the state millions of dollars in Medicaid spending, Texas must repeal the state's "affiliate ban" and gag order on physicians <u>found in the budget</u> — which bars Planned Parenthood from participating in family planning and health care programs.

## <u>A budget</u> where state health and social service funding is provided to qualified, legitimate providers, and programs, not unregulated, manipulative crisis pregnancy centers.

The state must stop funneling crucial health and social service dollars to unregulated crisis pregnancy centers that coerce, manipulate, and lie to Texans. Those funds would be better spent and would save the state money if they were invested in family planning, CPS workers, children's therapy, daycare programs, or any other of a number of cash-strapped programs that provide measurable, positive results for the state.

