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November 8, 2021

Ms. Olivia Bravo
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VIA EMAIL ONLY

RE: OOG PIR # 611-21

Dear Ms. Bravo:

This email is in response to your public information request to the Office of the Governor (“OOG”), received by the OOG on October 25, 2021. A copy of your request is attached to this email.

The OOG has reviewed its files and has located the attached documents that are responsive to your request. The OOG has redacted personal e-mail addresses from the attached documents pursuant to section 552.137 of the Government Code and Tex. Att’y Gen. Open Records Decision No. 684 (2009).

If you have any questions, please contact me at 512-475-2256 or publicrecords@gov.texas.gov.

Sincerely,

Kieran Hillis
Public Information Coordinator
Assistant General Counsel
Office of Governor Greg Abbott

From: AO Records <records@americanoversight.org>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 12:43 PM
To: Public Records <publicrecords@gov.texas.gov>
Subject: 611-21 Bravo - Request for Information

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Dear Public Information Officer:

Please find attached a request for records under Texas's Public Information Act.

Sincerely,

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Olivia Bravo

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PIR: TX-GOV-21-1518

From: Texas Alliance for Life NEWS RELEASE [info@texasallianceforlife.org]
To: Luis Saenz [luis.saenz@gov.texas.gov]
Subject: Federal Judge Blocks Enforcement of Texas Heartbeat Act
Date: Wednesday, October 06, 2021 21:57:05

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NEWS RELEASE:
Federal Judge Blocks Enforcement of Texas Heartbeat Act

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
October 6, 2021

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AUSTIN, TX -- This evening, Federal District Court Judge Robert Pitman issued a sweeping order blocking the Texas Heartbeat Act from being enforced. At the request of the Biden-Harris Administration, Judge Pitman issued an injunction preventing Texas judges and court clerks from processing and deciding cases in which citizens bring lawsuits against abortion providers or against individuals or organizations who fund or promote abortion. In this highly unusual move, Judge Pitman enjoined the entirety of the state's judiciary from considering any cases under the law.

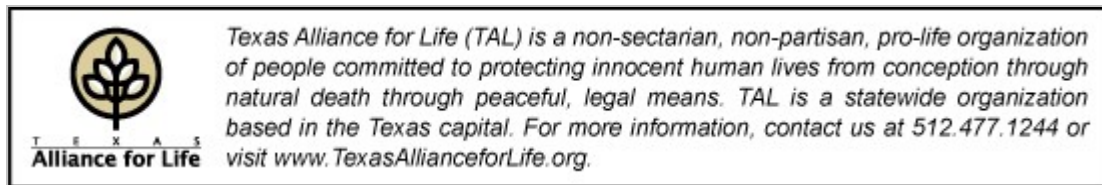
"We are deeply disappointed by Judge Pitman's actions today," said Joe Pojman, Ph.D., Texas Alliance for Life's executive director.

"Every day since September 1 that the law has been in effect has been a tremendous

victory for unborn children who would otherwise have lost their lives to abortion. We are hopeful that this is not the last word and that the Fifth Circuit will reverse Judge Pitman's order. At the same time, the State of Texas provides vast resources to women with unplanned pregnancies through the Alternatives to Abortion program funded at \$100 million for the next two years. That program will assist 150,000 women a year and provide services for three years after the births of their children. Additionally, hundreds of privately funded non-profit organizations and church-based programs provide services to pregnant women through birth and beyond."

Passed by the Texas Legislature and signed by pro-life Governor Greg Abbott, the Texas Heartbeat Act protects unborn babies from abortion when their heartbeats are detected.

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From: Texas Alliance for Life NEWS RELEASE [info@texasallianceforlife.org]
To: Luis Saenz [luis.saenz@gov.texas.gov]
Subject: Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals Allows Texas Heartbeat Act to Go Back into Effect
Date: Friday, October 08, 2021 22:49:15

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NEWS RELEASE:
Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals Allows Texas Heartbeat Act to Go Back into Effect

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 8, 2021

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NEW ORLEANS, LA -- Tonight the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals granted an emergency stay against the preliminary injunction that prevented enforcement of the Texas Heartbeat Act. That preliminary injunction was issued just two days ago by Federal District Judge Robert Pitman, an Obama appointee.

"We are delighted that the Texas Heartbeat Act is back in effect saving unborn babies lives from abortion," said Joe Pojman, Ph.D., executive director of Texas Alliance for Life. "Saturday will not be business as usual for the abortion industry in Texas."

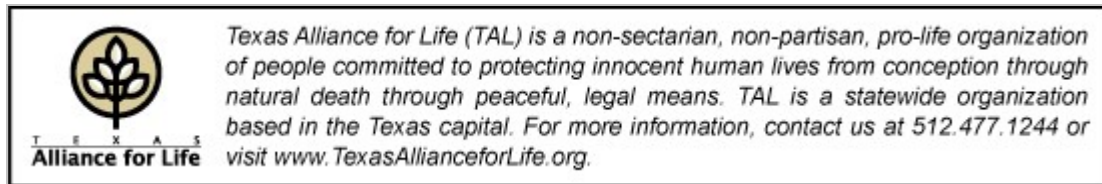
Judge Pitman had sided with the Biden/Harris Administration's lawsuit against Texas asking that the Texas Heartbeat Act be declared unconstitutional. The 5th Circuit issued the emergency order just hours after Texas Attorney General Paxton filed a request to stay Judge Pitman's order,

arguing that Pitman overstepped his authority as a district judge and that the Administration lacked standing to bring a lawsuit against a Texas statutory law in which the state had no enforcement authority.

The 5th Circuit also directed the Administration to respond by 5 PM Tuesday, October 12, giving the Administration an opportunity to respond before the Court makes a more permanent order.

The Texas Heartbeat Act, which protects unborn babies from abortion whose heartbeats are detected, was passed by the Texas Legislature and signed into law last spring by pro-life Governor Greg Abbott. At nearly the same time, the Legislature appropriated \$100 million for the highly successful Alternatives to Abortion program over the next two years. That program will assist 150,000 women with unplanned pregnancies each year. Services continue for three years after childbirth.

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From: Brian Flens [redacted 552.137] ;
Sent: Friday, October 8, 2021 7:01 AM
To: Steve Munisteri ; Steve.Munisteri@gov.texas.gov ;
Subject: Vaccine Mandates

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Mr. Munisteri,

As Gov. Abbott's Senior Policy Director I would like to share with you a message I just sent to Governor Abbott and urge you to help protect Texas families:

Gov Abbott,

I understand a resolution has been presented to you requesting that our state government protect employees and push back on the tyranny of the federal government. I would like to urge you to consider this action by giving you a brief statement about me. I have been married for over 20 years, have 4 children and am the sole bread-winner in our family. My wife home schools our children and chauffeurs them to various activities during the day. My employer, Lockheed Martin, is faced with having to meet the coercive demands of this administration or lose government contracts. Therefore, I am now faced with a decision: do I get an experimental drug injected into me or try to submit a religious exemption request and

face a possible layoff. This is not a choice, this is a tyrannical government exerting control over it's citizens. This is coercion of the highest degree! I have sincerely held religious beliefs against abortion and all three vaccines used human fetus's for development and/or testing. Furthermore, I have a 99% (or greater) chance of surviving this virus, what part of a vaccine mandate makes sense for someone in my age bracket and health status?! Finally, it is a FACT that the vaccines do not prevent the spread of COVID-19 so it does NOTHING to help society. As your supporter and constituent I am requiring you to fight this tyranny from the Biden administration and support the families impacted by this communist-like vaccine mandate.

Thank you for your time,
Brian Flens