

To Elected Officials and Policymakers in Texas,

The news of Josseli Barnica and Nevaeh Crain's deaths as a result of pregnancy complications are heartbreaking stories that will continue to echo throughout our state and our nation.

Sadly, Josseli and Nevaeh's deaths were likely preventable. As reported by ProPublica, the evidence is clear. The nature of the strict abortion ban in Texas does not allow us as medical professionals to do our jobs. The law does not allow Texas women to get the lifesaving care they need and threatens physicians with life imprisonment and loss of licensure for doing what is often medically necessary for the patient's health and future fertility.

Josseli Barnica and Nevaeh Crain should be alive today.

Anti-abortion groups and others are saying blame does not fall on Texas law. That is simply not true. As OB-GYNs in Texas, we know firsthand how much these laws restrict our ability to provide our patients with quality, evidence-based care.

Texas needs a change. A change in laws. A change in how we legislate medical decisions that should be between a patient, their family, and their doctor.

We urge policymakers across Texas to do something to make sure this never happens again. Healthcare is on the ballot. We will continue to speak out to ensure our patients get the best care possible.

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