

RESOLUTION REGARDING PREVENTING FRAUD AGAINST TEXAS TAXPAYERS

WHEREAS, Prominent pro-life activist and former Planned Parenthood employee Abby Johnson has filed a recently unsealed whistleblower lawsuit under the Federal False Claims Act and Texas Medicaid Fraud Prevention Act alleging that Planned Parenthood defrauded the Texas Medicaid program out of millions of dollars; and

WHEREAS, the Federal False Claims Act and Texas Medicaid Fraud Prevention Act allow for the filing of whistleblower lawsuits by those with knowledge of fraud against taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, other whistleblower lawsuits filed under the Texas Medicaid Fraud Prevention Act have allowed Attorney General Greg Abbott to recover hundreds of millions of dollars for Texas taxpayers that would have otherwise been lost to fraud; and

WHEREAS, Attorney General Greg Abbott's office recently settled a lawsuit brought under the Texas Medicaid Prevention Act against a major pharmaceutical manufacturer for a record \$158 million; and

WHEREAS, current Texas law only allows for the types of whistleblower lawsuits allowed under the Federal False Claims Act and the Texas Medicaid Fraud Prevention Act in cases involving alleged fraud against the Texas Medicaid Program; and

WHEREAS, the Federal False Claims Act and Texas Medicaid Fraud Prevention act have proven to be effective tools to fight fraud against taxpayers and recover taxpayers funds; therefore be it

RESOLVED, The Republican Party of Texas thanks Attorney General Greg Abbott for his aggressive use of the Texas Medicaid Fraud Prevention Act to recover funds for Texas Taxpayers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Republican Party of Texas encourages the Texas Legislature to pass a broad whistleblower law similar to the Federal False Claims Act that would apply to allegations of fraud against any state agency or program.

Adopted the 31st day of March 2012.