

FIAPAC

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Statement from FIAPAC on the recent law restricting abortion in the US state of Texas

Members of FIAPAC, the leading association of clinicians involved in abortion care globally, are shocked and appalled by the passage of the recent law restricting abortion in the US state of Texas which prohibits abortion there beyond 6 weeks' gestational age, penalizes any assistance provided to those seeking abortion, and provides financial incentives to those who bring suit against people who have offered any kind of help to women seeking pregnancy termination.

This law encodes vigilantism against all abortion seekers and providers, friends and family of women seeking terminations, and even taxi drivers who take patients to clinics. This unsavory behavior is incited by making average citizens into bounty seekers, reaping \$10,000 for every person they accuse – with no limit on the number of times a person can be accused.

The cynicism and cruelty of this law is not worthy of a civilized society. In the US, it is a direct affront and legal challenge to the established Constitutional right to pre-viability abortion.

FIAPAC believes that abortion should be available within all healthcare systems for every person who needs one.

“FIAPAC President, Sharon Cameron said:

Abortion bans do not stop abortions. They cause hardship by forcing women to travel or risk their health by ending pregnancies in secret. A law like this has no place in any civilised society that respects women.”