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Hutchison Once Again Stands by *Roe v. Wade* and Legalized Abortion

DALLAS—In the second Republican gubernatorial debate, Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison was once again asked explicitly whether she supported the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, the Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion. She answered, "No."

Like those who argue for "making abortion rare" but stand by legalized abortion, Hutchison holds the contradictory positions that limits on abortion are good, but the legalization of abortion should not be overturned.

"At the gubernatorial debate, Senator Hutchison contradicted herself. You cannot be pro-life and support *Roe v. Wade*," says Joe Pojman, Ph.D., executive director of Texas Alliance for Life. In 2003, Hutchison showed her support for legalized abortion by voting for a resolution that stated, "It is the sense of the Senate that the decision of the Supreme Court in *Roe v. Wade* was appropriate and secures an important constitutional right; and such decision should not be overturned." (See Senate Roll Call No. 48, 108th Congress, 1st Session.)

Gov. Rick Perry, on the other hand, is on the record as both supporting limits on abortion and supporting overturning *Roe v. Wade*.

"Texas needs a leader who is consistently pro-life," continues Pojman. "Unlike Hutchison, Governor Rick Perry has never given an inch to the life-threatening precepts of *Roe v. Wade*."

Texas originally passed a law protecting unborn children from abortion in the Nineteenth Century. This law was struck down by *Roe* in 1973. Today, more than 80,000 abortions per year are performed in Texas (<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/CHS/VSTAT/vs08/t33.shtm>).

Gov. Perry has passionately supported laws protecting unborn babies and their mothers. Perry supported the Woman's Right to Know Act (2003), the Prenatal Protection Act (2003), the parental consent law (2005), and funding for alternatives to abortions (2005, 2007, 2009).

In addition, Gov. Perry has also strongly endorsed public funding for adult stem cell research. He has opposed embryonic stem cell research, which has developed no treatments or cures and requires the destruction of human embryos. Adult stem cells have been used to successfully treat more than 20,000 Americans and more than 70 different conditions or diseases. Sen. Hutchison, on the other hand, has twice voted to use federal tax dollars for embryonic stem cell research, which requires the destruction of human embryos.

To arrange an interview with Pojman, contact Director of Communications Valerie Pokorny.

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