

Positive Backup

Julie Johnson is recognized as a staunch defender of abortion healthcare by stakeholders everywhere. Julie Johnson is the only candidate for Congressional District 32 with a record of fighting to take back taxpayer dollars from dangerous fake clinics and “alternatives to abortion” programs. Only Julie Johnson has been endorsed by Wendy Davis, EMILY’s List, and earned the support of Planned Parenthood Texas Votes in every election since 2018.

Former state senator and nationally-known abortion advocate Wendy Davis says “As the Vice Chair of the Women’s Health Caucus, Julie Johnson has been leading the charge to restore abortion rights. Don’t believe Brian Williams’ lies. His attacks are false. We as Democrats know better. Vote for Julie!”

Voted Against Increased Funds to Fake Clinics. On Apr. 6, 2023, the Texas House ADOPTED (88-59) amendment 28 to HB 1, which would increase appropriations to the Alternatives to Abortion program from \$100 million to \$140 million. The Alternatives to Abortion is a state program that disperses funding to pregnancy crisis centers that discourage abortions. Johnson voted against the amendment. [[HB 1](#), [4/6/23](#)]

Voted to Demand Transparency from Alternatives to Abortion Funding - After the TX GOP passed increased funds to fake clinics, Rep. Donna Howard, Chair of the Women’s Health Caucus introduced a measure to track and account for the use of these funds after years of waste and misoperation by fake clinics. Johnson joined a majority of Democrats and voted for the bill on second and third reading. [[SB 24](#), [5/22/23](#)]

Voted Against Funding to Fake Clinics Twice in 2021. On Apr. 22 2021 The Texas House ADOPTED (88-58) amendment 47 to SB 1 which would increase funds to the Alternatives to Abortion program by \$10 million. Johnson voted against the amendment. [[SB 1](#), [4/2/21](#)]

Voted to Strip \$10 million from Fake Clinic Program. On Apr. 2 2021 Rep. Ann Johnson submitted Amendment 46 to SB 1 which would strip funds to the Alternatives to Abortion program by \$10 million and send them to the Texas Criminal Justice budget. Johnson voted for the amendment. [[SB 1](#), [4/2/21](#)]

Voted Against Funding to Fake Clinics Twice in 2019. In her first session as a state house representative, Julie Johnson voted against amendments to send taxpayer money to dangerous crisis pregnancy centers and networks of fake clinics in Texas - every time it came up for a budget vote. [[HB 1](#), [3/27/19](#)]

Voted to Give Taxpayer Funds for Fake Clinics Back to Texas Families. On Mar. 27, 2019, Rep. Chris Turner submitted an amendment to strip the state budget of funds for Alternatives to Abortion and instead send the money to the Texas Workforce Commission and state child care programs. Johnson voted for the amendment. [[HB 1](#), [3/27/19](#)].

Against Medication Abortion Ban. On Aug. 31, 2021, the Texas House PASSED (82-41) SB 4, which reduced the timeframe for medication abortion from 70 days to 49 days and prevented the mailing of medication abortion drugs. Johnson voted against the bill. [[SB 4](#), [8/31/21](#)]

Against Heartbeat Bill and Bounties on Doctors. On May 6, 2021, the Texas House PASSED (83-64)

SB 8, which banned abortion after six weeks and “deputizes private citizens to sue anyone who ‘aids or abets’ the provision of such an abortion.” Johnson voted against the bill. [[SB 8](#), [5/6/21](#)]

Protested bill in committee and voted against “Born Alive” Abortion Bill. On May 23, 2019, the Texas House PASSED (84-57) HB 16, which would require medical treatment for children “born alive after a failed abortion.” Johnson voted against the bill. [[HB 16](#), [5/23/19](#)]. Johnson was one of four Democratic House members who did not show up to a Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence committee hearing in protest of HB 16, preventing a quorum. In a statement on their protest, the members wrote, “We will not join this charade by participating in this political grandstanding.”

Against Defunding Planned Parenthood. On May 17, 2019, the Texas House PASSED (83-63) SB 22, which bans local governments from entering into partnerships with healthcare providers who provide abortion care. Johnson voted against the bill. [[SB 22](#), [5/17/19](#)]

Julie Johnson has voted against funding fake clinics four times and has voted to strip their funds in two more voters. Julie Johnson’s record on abortion healthcare is clear and that’s why almost every healthcare and physician organization in this race endorsed Julie Johnson for Congress over Dr. Brian Williams, including the Texas Medical Association, Texas Hospital Association, The American College of Obstetrics and Gynecologists, the American Association of Orthopedic Surgeons, American Society of Anesthesiologists, American College of Radiology, Metro Anaesthesiologists, and The Texas Academy of Audiology