

OPINION

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Texas abortion law prevails, but society fails Kate Cox



Your Turn

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not permitted to have the life of her child terminated through an abortion. On Dec. 11, the Supreme Court of Texas issued its opinion, setting forth facts unreported by the news media.

The Texas law allowed abortion when "in the exercise of reasonable medical judgment, the pregnant female ... has a life-threatening physical condition aggravated, caused by, or arising from a pregnancy that places the female at risk of death or poses a serious risk of substantial impairment of a major bodily function unless the abortion is performed or induced."

In overruling the trial court's granting a temporary injunction against the enforcement of the Texas statute, the Supreme Court of Texas found "that Ms. Cox's doctor, Dr. Damla Karsan ... did not

assert that Ms. Cox has a 'life-threatening physical condition' or that, in Dr. Karsan's reasonable medical judgment, an abortion is necessary because Ms. Cox has the type of condition the exception requires. ...Dr. Karsan asked a court to preauthorize the abortion, yet she could not, or at least did not, attest to the court that Ms. Cox's condition poses the risks the exception requires."

Surely, if there was any medical evidence that the life or health of the mother was in danger, it most certainly would have been presented to the court.

The court continued: "A pregnant woman does not need a court order to have a life-saving abortion in Texas."

Is an abortion, the intentional killing of an unborn child, ever necessary? Even in cases where it is medically necessary

to separate the mother from the child, care should be rendered not only to the mother, but also to the baby in order that it may also be given a chance to live, no matter how short life may be. One with a disability, at any age, is entitled to the same dignity as everyone, deserving love, care and attention all the days God intends him or her to be on earth.

It has been reported that Cox left the state of Texas to seek an abortion. Our society, our culture, our medical profession, failed this mother and the child growing within her when they did not encourage her to cherish the opportunity to love her child all the days of her child's life.

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Kate Cox filed a lawsuit against the state of Texas, requesting a temporary block on the state's abortion ban. Tragically, her about 20-week-old child had been diagnosed with Trisomy 18 (Edward's Syndrome), a condition which causes delay in the development of the unborn baby, a severe disability that may cause death before birth, or within the first few years of life.

Some news media presented this case as one where the health or the life of the mother was in danger if she was

ers built to separate it from the auto lanes are an eyesore and prevent city street cleaning vehicles from clearing debris out of the bike lanes.

The mayor and City Council have wasted millions of dollars on Red Bike and on the construction of bike lanes that are usually empty. Quit wasting taxpayer money and focus on crime prevention, litter, street repair and other bread-and-butter issues about which our citizens actually care.

Kevin Mahon, Clifton

would have been an apology to us all for putting the military in a position of not having all hands on deck during this unstable time. It doesn't appear Tuberville understands military needs while he plays with "getting what he wants."

Susan Kemp, Fairfield

Taxpayers will shoulder the cost of illegal immigration

To those who support the unrestrained influx of illegal immigrants into

No true Republican would ever vote for inept Biden

A letter writer on Dec. 21 referred to a yard sign implying that the homeowner was a Republican who would vote for Joe Biden rather than Donald Trump. I don't believe that would happen. Biden's policies are killing the U.S. Our non-existent southern border is allowing thousands of illegal immigrants to invade our country on a daily basis. Inflation over the past three years is a bud-

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Stop wasting taxpayer money on Red Bike

The Enquirer reported on Dec. 21 that Red Bike was "pausing" service in January. This follows the failure of bike-sharing initiatives in other cities including Houston and Minneapolis. Red Bike collected only \$303,000 from rider fees in 2022 with 70% of its funding coming from government and business contri-