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Statement of Sen. Carlos Uresti on the passage of SB 16:

"The sonogram bill passed by the Texas Senate will provide women with fundamental medical information about the most important decision they will ever make, without trampling on their rights or intruding on the doctor-patient relationship.

"The bill is fundamentally different from SB 16 as it was originally introduced, and I will stand firm against any changes by the House that would force women to provide confidential information about their families or personal lives.

"Because of the vast size of my district and the limited availability of medical facilities, it was also imperative to shorten the waiting period requirement to two hours to avoid unnecessary hardships on my constituents.

"This bill is consistent with legislation that I have supported in previous sessions. I am thankful that I had an opportunity to help shape a meaningful, compassionate policy that I believe thoughtful people on both sides can accept."

Senator Uresti represents Senate District 19, a 55,000 square mile area extending from the city of San Antonio in Bexar County to the Lower Valley of El Paso County and including approximately

750,000 people. The largest legislative district in the nation, it spans two time zones and contains nine of the 14 border counties in Texas, two-thirds of the U.S.-Mexico border within Texas, and all or part of 23 counties. Senate District 19 is home to five U.S. ports of entry, three U.S. toll bridges, 62 school districts, seven military sites, six state parks, and two national parks.