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Senator Joan Huffman Files Senate Bill 372 to Protect the Integrity of the Judicial Process in Texas

(Austin)— Today, in response to the unauthorized leak of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito's draft majority opinion in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, Senator Joan Huffman filed Senate Bill 372, which if passed into law, would make the leaking of judicial work products and materials a Class A misdemeanor in Texas.

"As both a former prosecutor and criminal district court judge, it is appalling to see sensitive judicial materials leak to the public, especially during a trial," said Huffman. "Those who seek to disrupt our court's internal operation and deliberations through leaking judicial work products will be held accountable for their actions once this bill is passed into law. The State of Texas will not tolerate the leaking of judicial work products as they can have very real consequences for all of the parties involved."

(Senator Joan Huffman represents District 17, which is comprised of Colorado, Jackson, Matagorda, and Wharton County and portions of Brazoria, Ft. Bend, and Harris County. Huffman currently serves as Chair of the Senate Committee on Finance, Chair of the Senate Committee on Jurisprudence, Vice Chair of the Senate Committee on Criminal Justice, and as a senior member of the Senate Committee on Administration, and the Legislative Budget Board.)

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