

Christian Life Commission



Statement of the Christian Life Commission in support of a Texas TV recycling program

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In 2006 the messengers to the annual meeting of the Baptist General Convention of Texas passed a resolution asking Texas Baptists, including the Christian Life Commission, to “advocate for sound environmental policies in the public square.” Today, the CLC stands with the millions of Christians worldwide and in our nation that see caring for creation as a mandate from God the creator. Caring for the environment not only shows love for God’s creation, it also shows love to our neighbors who are adversely effected by environmental degradation. This scriptural and spiritual revelation is calling more and more Christians to action.

Today we are proud to support HB 821 by Rep. Leibowitz and SB 761 by Sen. Watson as practical measures that help Texans do what’s right when it comes to disposing of their old TVs. This program would not only help prevent toxic materials from hurting Texans and our neighbors worldwide, it would also encourage manufacturers to produce products which are more easily recycled. With the digital transition occurring in June, and the expected increase in the disposal of TVs, this session is the time to act. We encourage the Legislature to pass these bills and help Texans be better stewards of their possessions and of God’s creation.