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Hi y'all,

There've been a lot of developments since our last email, and I'm sure there will be many more changes between now and our next email. We'll try to keep you posted at our Facebook group, and please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions, concerns, or just need a human to talk to! We will get through this crisis together, remotely.

1. Call Governor Greg Abbott at 512-213-6763 to improve his response to COVID-19

There are so many things our Governor should be doing [that he's not](#). Here are a few items to call his office about:

Issue a stay at home order: Tell Governor Abbott to stop waiting on the federal government, and [order a statewide stay-at-home order](#) immediately.

Increase availability of PPE: *Tell the Governor that he needs to increase his efforts to [adequately equip our healthcare workers with PPE](#) to protect their health and safety at work.*

Increase vote by mail: [From Indivisible Austin: Tell Governor Abbott to Keep Texas Voting](#)

2. Call your State Rep, State Senator, and Governor Greg Abbott at 512-213-6763 and tell them that abortion is and must remain essential healthcare

This week the Governor banned access to safe abortion, saying that it doesn't qualify as essential healthcare. Not only is that wrong - abortion is both time-sensitive and essential - it's an exploitation of a global pandemic for political gain.

For more: [Texas Tribune: Abortion Providers Sue Texas Over Executive Order](#)

Say: "Hi, I'm a constituent of the [Rep/Senator/Governor] and I'm calling to urge them to reverse the executive order that limits access to abortion in Texas. Not only is abortion a time sensitive procedure that can't wait until the coronavirus pandemic is behind us, it's critical for the health and safety of Texans all across the state. Keeping this order in place puts women's lives at risk. My zip code is _____."

3. Call Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick at 512-463-001 and tell him his remarks were irresponsible and wrong. We should value human life over the economy!

You can't even make this stuff up. Last week our Lieutenant Governor took to Fox News to say that older Americans should be willing to "sacrifice" for the US economy. Give his office a ring and make sure he knows just how much Texans disagree with him.

For more: [Washington Post: Dan Patrick and the Ethics Debate around the](#)

[Coronavirus and the Economy](#)

Say: "Hi, I'm a Texan and constituent of Lieutenant Governor Paxton. I'm calling because I was appalled to hear him suggest that older Texans should be willing to sacrifice their health to support the US economy. I cannot believe an elected official would suggest that money is more important than human life. Disgusting! I urge Mr. Patrick to walk back his comments and start putting the health and safety of Texans as his most urgent priority right now, or he can expect Texans to hand him a pink slip come November 2022. My zip code is ____."

Other numbers for Patrick's Staff: [Call Them All!](#)

4. Mark your calendar for the updated Primary Runoff election

The Primary Runoff Election has been [postponed to July 14](#). Mark your calendar and share the news with your friends and family!

5. Remember to fill out your census and encourage everyone you know to do the same!

At the writing of this email, less than 30% of Texans have responded to the Census. And amid the coronavirus pandemic, Census field workers will be delayed and challenged to reach out to everyone living in the Lone Star State. Get the word out and help everyone you know get motivated to respond to the Census!

For more: indivisibletxlege.org: [The Census](#)

Response Stats: [Hard to Count Maps](#)

The official website: my2020census.gov

6. Give to or get help from these groups who are helping Texans impacted by COVID-19

Even if you've been lucky enough to stay healthy during this global health pandemic, you or someone you know has likely already faced a significant financial or other impact. Below are some links if you're in a position to donate, as well as links if you're in need of assistance. It sounds trite, but now more than ever, Texans need to come together (virtually) to help each other. This list is very short so far, so if there are any organizations that are missing, please send them our way!

[Texas Tribune: How Texans Can Give and Get Help During the Pandemic](#)

[How to Give and Get Help in the Austin Area](#)

[Houston Area Resources, Compiled by Representative Jon Rosenthal](#)

[Dallas News: North Texas Organizations Offering and in Need of Help](#)

That's it for this week. Keep yourselves safe!

Much love,

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