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Hi y'all,

What a week. I find myself nearly overwhelmed with grief as I sit down to write this, as I'm sure many of you are too. Systemic racism in our country has claimed the life of another black man at the hands of paid, public law enforcement officers. The president of the United States of America has poured lighter fluid into the flames. Our [governor declared a state of disaster](#) today, allowing federal law enforcement to police the state. The coronavirus is still claiming the lives of thousands, millions are out of work, and there is no recovery in sight. These are just a few of the reasons why we, you and I, need to take an active role in our democracy and do the work to make Texas a safer, healthier place for ALL of us to live.

1. Support Texans of color

Systemic racism is all around us, and impacts nearly every facet of life for people of color in Texas. Every single one of us can and should take steps to make our communities and our state more equitable than it is today. Don't know how to start? Here are a few resources with ideas:

[Indivisible's Action Resource](#)

[Anti-Racism Resources](#)

Donate: [Texas Bail-Out Fund to Support Arrested Demonstrators](#)

2. Share your Texas healthcare story (shared from Indivisible Austin)

Texas has the highest uninsured rate in the country for children, adults, and women of childbearing age. Governor Abbott's failure to expand Medicaid in the midst of a global pandemic exacerbates the deadly conditions that kill Texans. The #SICKOFIT coalition is collecting Texas healthcare stories to share with lawmakers.

For more: [Cover Texas Now: A Brief Overview - TX Lege Must Reduce the Uninsured Rate](#)

Tell your story: sickofitx.org: [Tell Your Story](#)

3. Consider applying to vote by mail and understand the recent Texas Supreme Court ruling

The ruling coming from the Texas Supreme Court on voting by mail in the age of Coronavirus was nuanced, and appears to be consistent with state law (another reminder that our state legislature holds enormous power!). A key portion of the ruling states, "...elected officials have placed in the hands of the voters the determination of whether in-person voting will cause a likelihood of injury due to physical condition." This statement implies that Texas voters can make their own determination about if voting in person will put them at risk of injury, and voters can keep their reasoning to themselves.

Read: [Michael Li's \(from the Brennan Center\) Explainer](#)

Apply: [Texas Secretary of State Application for Ballot by Mail](#)

4. Keep up with social distancing, wear a mask, and practice good hygiene

As Texas continues to reopen, rates of coronavirus continue to rise. Continue to do your part to slow the spread!

Read: [NY Times: Texas Coronavirus Cases](#)

Tips: [Red Cross: Slow the Spread](#)

That's it for this week. Be safe!

Much love,

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