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Hi y'all,

What a ride we're on. I know a lot of us were disappointed with the election results in Texas two weeks ago (was it really that recent!). It feels like we did a lot of work, and on the surface, it looks like we didn't get very far. But I'd challenge you to look a bit deeper. Pause and take a look under the hood. How many more excellent candidates ran in 2020 compared to 2016? How much easier was it for you to volunteer? To get volunteers? How much more did incumbents need to work for their reelection, reaching out to constituents and listening to them? More participation means a more robust democracy, and now our state legislators know that we're paying attention. They'll need to work for their constituents, not special interests, if they want to earn our vote in 2022.

The Lege is upon us. [Bill filing is already underway for the 2021 legislative session](#). We'll gavel-in January 12 and "sine die" (adjourn) on May 31. It's time to roll up our sleeves and get to work!

### 1. Learn About the Lege

Were you appalled by the voting rights suppression that Texans faced during this election? Worried that the new Federal Supreme Court Justice will tip the scales to reverse Roe v. Wade? Frustrated that Texas is one of the last states to expand Medicaid? Public ed, criminal justice reform, marijuana legalization - our state government can pass laws that address all of these things and more. Understanding how the legislature gets work done is instrumental if you want to influence it. We've developed a Virtual Texas Tour training to help you learn what you need to know. We can squeeze the content into 30 minutes, and ideally could fill 2 hours or more.

**Email us:** Reach out at [invisibletxlege@gmail.com](mailto:invisibletxlege@gmail.com), or just reply, if your group wants to schedule a Virtual Texas Tour

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### 2. Get Trained

**Onboard with Indivisible TX Lege to learn how to stay engaged and active this Legislative Session.** Here at Indivisible TX Lege, we've been doing a lot of work since 2019 to get us organized for 2021. And with the session likely happening remotely ([details are still up in the air](#)), we'll need to get more comfortable than ever with our digital communication tools. We have volunteer opportunities for nearly every issue and every interest level. There's something for everyone!

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entirety!)

### 3. Bring a Friend

Texas is a big state. Lobbyists have a lot of paid boots on the ground. If each of us can spend a little time influencing the lege, and bring our friends with us, our impact will be amplified.

**Text a friend**

**Call a friend**

**Tell a friend while you're outside & socially-distanced**

**Post about it on social media**

**Send smoke signals**

**Use your preferred method of communication - just help us get out the word!**

In case it isn't clear above, now is the time to focus on our state government. The session happens only once every other year, and big, consequential legislation gets passed. Things move quickly during the session, and there will be critical issues on the docket this year. Don't miss your chance to be part of the action! Join in the conversation:

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Have a safe and socially-distanced Thanksgiving everyone! And don't worry, we'll have meatier actions next week for all of you itching to get to work. :)

Much love,  
Marieke  
Indivisible TX Lege

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