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Hi y'all,

The pace is picking up at the capitol. Please make it a habit to [check out our website](#) throughout the week to find new calls to action (CTAs). We'll share new actions on social media as well. On Friday we issued a new CTA to [Call your State Rep and Senator to Demand a Town Hall](#). Keep calling until they hold one. And then keep calling until they make town halls a regular, recurring event. It's time for the Texas Legislature to step up for Texans!

1. Share your Story

Submit your story to the House State Affairs and Senate Business and Commerce Committees' public comment form by noon on Monday, March 1. We've updated our previous [call to action](#) with the new public comment link for the Senate Committee. Personal stories are often the most compelling when it comes to swaying both public and legislator opinion. Make sure you and everyone in your [Rapid Response 5](#) get their stories told!

2. Call

Call Governor Greg Abbott at 512-463-2000 and urge him to keep the mask mandate in Texas. Reports came out last week that the Governor is [considering removing his statewide mask mandate](#). The data are clear - it's too soon to do that without putting an undue risk on Texans' health. Haven't we already been through enough this year? When you call his office, tell the switchboard operator that you'd like to speak with a staffer about the mask mandate.

For more: [CDC Guidance for Wearing Masks](#)

Say: "Hi, I'm a constituent of Governor Abbott and I'm calling today to urge him to keep the mask mandate in place. Wearing a mask is such an easy step to help slow the spread, keep our businesses open, and keep Texans safe. By continuing to have a mask mandate, it sends a strong message to Texas that we aren't out of the woods yet, and need our communities to work together to keep each other safe. [Tell your COVID story or how removing the mask mandate would personally impact you here] Thanks so much. My zip code is ____."

3. Attend

Join a virtual advocacy day to Expand Medicaid in Texas on Friday, March 5. Our legislature's failure to expand Medicaid in Texas is costing us billions of dollars, and holding too many Texans' healthcare coverage hostage. Just last year, both [Missouri and Oklahoma passed measures to expand Medicaid](#) in their states. Let's push Texas to be next - lives depend on it.

Register: [MedEx4TX Virtual Advocacy Day](#)

For more: [healthinsurance.org: Texas and Medicaid Expansion](https://healthinsurance.org/Texas-and-Medicaid-Expansion)

4. Testify

Sign up to provide testimony at rescheduled redistricting hearings. Due to the freeze, the last redistricting hearings were postponed. New dates are March 12 at 10 am and March 13 at 9 am. Check out our [previous CTAs](#) for more on how to prep your testimony. Remember that you need to sign up more than 24 hours in advance of the hearing, and be prepared to speak for only a few minutes via zoom. If you can't make either hearing, written testimony is also being accepted.

Sign up: [Regional Hearing Schedule and Sign-up Links](#)

Write: [Submit Written Testimony](#)

5. Read and Call

Read Dan Patrick's legislative priorities for the Texas Senate and then call your State Senator to tell them your thoughts on them. Despite our failing infrastructure, lack of access to healthcare, continued struggles with the COVID crisis, and more, our Lieutenant Governor continues to prioritize legislation that hurts Texans. It's time for our elected leaders to drop the partisan pandering and start working for us. After you've called your State Senator, share what you said with friends and family to spread the word.

Read: [Dan Patrick's Top 31 Priorities](#)

For more: [Houston Chronicle: Abortion restrictions, transgender issues, gun rights top Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick's priority list](#)

Keep sharing your stories of all of the ways that Texas' #DeadlyDeregulation has impacted you and your family. Remember if you're sharing on facebook, you'll need to change your post's privacy settings to public for it to be shared broadly.

Please reach out to us with your thoughts, feedback, suggestions, etc to help all of us make the biggest impact this legislative session that we can. It takes a village!

Much love,
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