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Hi y'all,

Governor Abbott dropped a doozy on us last week by announcing that he's rescinding his mask mandate. Luckily we had some good news too, the TEA and Abbott's office have decided to extend hold harmless for public schools. Your calls and emails helped push our state to make the right call for Texas schools. Great work!

To help us track our impact, consider sharing when you complete your Calls to Action (CTAs) and how the discussion with your legislators went in our [new CTA Tracker on Action Network](#). We will update our CTA Tracker weekly! And remember to keep an eye on [our website for new CTAs](#) that are added through the week.

1. Mark your calendar

Join us weekly for a Call to Action Phone Bank Tuesdays at 1 pm. If you or anyone you know is hesitant to call a state legislator, consider joining us weekly to make calls together. We'll walk through current CTAs and answer any questions you have to help you get calls made, emails written, and testimony submitted. Since our ability to gather at the capitol this year is limited, let's make sure we get together, virtually, to work together for our state!

Register: [Weekly Indivisible TX Lege Call to Action Phone Banks](#)

2. Testify

Sign up to provide testimony at rescheduled redistricting hearings. We're repeating this important CTA from last week. Due to the freeze, the last redistricting hearings were postponed. New dates are March 11 at 9 am, 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](#)

3. Get Trained

Attend Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas' Advocates Training March 11 or March 25. Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas organizers are ready to defend and protect reproductive health. Sign up to attend their special Advocates Training and learn more. From reproductive justice to lobbying and tracking bills, you'll complete this training prepped with tools to be an active participant in what's happening at the capitol.

RSVP for March 11: [PPGT March 11 Training](#)

RSVP for March 25: [PPGT March 25 Training](#)

Donate: Weareplannedparenthood.org

For more: [Ms. Magazine: States Will Be the Main Abortion Battleground in 2021](#)

4. Keep Calling

Keep calling Governor Greg Abbott (512-463-2000), your State Rep, and State Senator to push for common sense public health measures. Masks go a long way in slowing the spread of COVID-19, and they are incredibly easy to wear. Removing the mask mandate is a reckless action that panders to the far extreme of his political party. We need elected leaders who do what is right for people, not what is right for their reelection hopes. After you call your elected officials, call your local schools, stores, and restaurants, and urge them to maintain a mask-only policy. Our lives depend on it! When you call the governor's office, let the switchboard operator know that you want to speak with a staffer about the mask mandate.

For more: [Texas Tribune: A Mexican restaurant in Houston is keeping its mask rule. People threatened to call ICE on the staff](#)

Read: [Washington Post: GOP governors scorn pandemic restrictions](#)

Say: "Hi, I'm calling today to urge the Governor to reverse his decision on rescinding the mask mandate, effective March 10. We are already seeing reckless behavior in our communities based on his announcement, including "mask off" parties at bars and in homes. The Governor's actions and policies matter. Lives and livelihoods are in his hands. I urge him to reinstate the mask mandate, so we can keep Texas businesses open safely, and for the long haul. Taking off our masks now will surely lead to new infection rate spikes, potentially grinding our economy to a halt. We cannot afford to stop wearing masks. [Tell your story about how COVID has impacted your family, your job, or local businesses near you.] I have also been disgusted by the Governor's attempt to blame the spread of COVID on immigrants. Not only is that blatantly false, but he is stoking racism in a time when hate crimes are already on the rise. Blood will be on his hands if he keeps up that rhetoric. My zip code is ____."

5. More training!

Join bi-monthly State Advocacy Training Sessions hosted by Indivisible National. Every other week, Indivisible National will be offering training focused on making change at the state level. The first session on March 24th will focus on how to build an effective campaign for state legislative advocacy. After you attend, let us know what you learned!

Sign up: [State Legislative Advocacy Training Series](#)

Don't forget to [keep breathing](#), y'all. The last 12 months have been a doozy, and we have 2.5 months left to go in this session. If we take the time to take care of ourselves, take care of each other, and join together to work for the good of our state, we WILL get through this together!

Much love,
Marieke
Indivisible TX Lege

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