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Hi y'all,

The legislature is kicking into high gear! If you haven't made it up to the capitol yet this session, note that the [COVID protocols](#) being taken at the Senate have been great according to activists who have gone. We'll keep you posted with our experiences at the House.

Reminder to [let us know when you've completed a Call to Action](#), and please encourage your Rapid Response 5 to take action on these important items too. [Join us Tuesdays AND Thursdays at 1PM for our CTA Phone Bank](#) if you have questions about a CTA or just want to connect with other activists in our state.

Keep an eye on our website through the week as we get more CTAs posted. We need as many Texans taking action as possible to make a dent in the trajectory of our state government.

1. Monday by 9 am - Push back on Voter Suppression Bill SB 7

Call your Senator and the Senate State Affairs Committee to OPPOSE SB 7.

This bill is so bad that [it's already made national news](#). We're asking you to make a call on Monday morning to push against SB 7 and its Jim Crow-era assault on voting rights. For everything you need to make this call, including background, phone numbers, and a script, [check it out here on our website](#). Be on the lookout for a CTA on the companion bill HB 6 on our website later this week.

2. Monday by 2 pm- Call to OPPOSE HB 2692

Call your Representative and the House Committee on Environmental Regulation and submit written comment online to OPPOSE Imported Radioactive Waste Bill HB 2692.

On the surface, this bill sounds like it might be OK. It purportedly prohibits the consolidated interim storage of high-level radioactive waste. This bill does not do the job. Instead, it gives away hundreds of millions of dollars that should go to the state and loosens safety requirements. Call and write using the background, phone numbers, and [script on our website](#).

3. Call to OPPOSE SB 13

Call your Senator and the Senate Natural Resources and Economic Development Committee to OPPOSE Fossil Fuel Bill SB13.

If passed, this bill would require the State of Texas and its entities to cut ties with companies that refuse to invest in fossil fuels. Why should our state government punish businesses for their investment decisions? It shouldn't. Click here for more background, phone numbers, and [script for this important CTA](#).

4. Thursday by 10:30 am - Call and Show up to SUPPORT HB 88 and HB 830

Call your State Rep and members of the House Homeland Security Committee to SUPPORT the George Floyd Bill HB 88 and the Sandra Bland Bill HB 830.

From a likely false conviction by a corrupt narcotics officer, to his death at the hands of police while others stood and watched, the case of George Floyd calls out for justice in many different ways. In conjunction with the Floyd family and the Texas Legislative Black Caucus, Chairwoman Senfronia Thompson and Senator Royce West authored HB 88 and its companion bill SB 1224. In addition, HB 830 would end pretext arrests at traffic stops that officers use to search a car without consent. These bills bring a range of reforms that will prevent others from experiencing police misconduct.

Read: [Texas Tribune: Texas Legislative Black Caucus Unveils George Floyd Act to Ban Choke Holds and Limit Police Use of Force](#)

For more: [ACLU TX: Status of HB 88 / SB 1224 The George Floyd Act](#)

Rally: [Thursday 8:30 am - 9:45 am CST](#)

Call: *Committee Clerk (512) 463-0133*

Chairman James White 512-463-0490

Vice-Chair: Rep. Rhetta Andrews Bowers 512-463-0464

Rep. Vikki Goodwin 512-463-0652

Rep. Sam Harless 512-463-0496

Rep. Cole Hefner 512-463-0271

Rep. Eddie Morales 512-463-0566

Rep. Jared Patterson 512-463-0694

Rep. Matt Schaefer 512-463-0584

Rep. Tony Tinderholt 512-463-0624

Say: When you call, ask to speak with the staff member in charge of bills on Homeland Security. Leave your support for the bills regardless of whom you speak with. "Hi, I'm calling from [YOUR TOWN]. I want the Representative to vote YES for HB 88, the Texas George Floyd Act, and YES for HB 830, the Sandra Bland Bill, ending arrests for non-jailable violations. Please listen to testimony at the committee hearings, because many Texans share my concern about the erosion of protection against police abuses in Texas. Thank you."

5. Call to keep Public School Funding in Public Schools

Call your State Rep, State Senator, and House and Senate Public Education Committees to urge them to protect public school funding for public schools.

There are a slew of bills that could redirect public education funding to in-person and online charter schools. [Check out our CTA](#) to learn more about why that move would be bad for our schools, bad for our kids, and bad for our communities. Then take action by calling your own legislators and the key Public Education Committees to voice your opposition now. As the session progresses, we'll let you know which specific bills to oppose.

6. Thursday - Show up for Reproductive Rights

Attend Planned Parenthood Advocacy Training on Thursday, March 25.

Reproductive rights are under attack. Sign up to attend Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas' Advocates Training to learn how you can defend and protect reproductive health.

Sign up: [3/25 6:00 pm - 7:30 CST](#)

Donate: [Give now](#)

That's it for this week. Keep the feedback coming on how we can make it easier for you to understand what you can do to make a difference at the Texas Legislature. There are only 10 weeks left of this regular legislative session. They'll be busy ones!

Much love,
Marieke
Indivisible TX Lege

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