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Hi y'all,

It's another busy week in the Texas State Legislature. Some good news! Last week we had one of the bills that we support successfully make it out of committee: HB 133 that would extend Medicaid coverage beyond 3 months post-partum for new moms. A bill that we oppose also was killed last week: [SB 11](#) that would restructure appellate courts.

We're far enough along in session now that every week we can delay a bad bill increases the chance that we can stop it. Keep those phone calls, emails, office visits, and testimony coming!

As always, join us for ACTION Banking every [Tuesday](#) and [Thursday](#) at 1 PM. And keep up with [our focus bills](#), and what action you can be taking on them throughout the week. [Once you've taken action, let us know!](#)

1. Push Back on Voter Suppression Bills HB 6 and SB 7

Last week, HB 6 passed out of committee and now heads to the Calendar Committee - the committee that schedules bills for the House Floor. Call the Calendar Committee and ask them to DELAY scheduling of HB 6 on the floor. SB 7 was received by the House last week, and is expected to be referred to the House Elections Committee. Call there to push back on the bill passing through committee!

Call to DELAY HB 6 scheduling: [House Calendar Committee Members](#)

Call to OPPOSE SB 7: [House Elections Committee](#)

For more: [Forbes: Texas Could Lose Billions if Voting Restrictions Become Law](#)

Encourage Business to Push Back: [votesimple.org: Tell Corporations to Fight Back Against Voter Suppression](#)

More background: [indivisibletxlege.org: Defeat HB 6 a Voter Suppression and Criminalization Act](#)

2. Support Trans Kids

Testify and make calls to OPPOSE SBs 1311/1646 and HBs 1399/1424

There are a slew of bad bills having hearings this week that could be lethal for trans kids. Contact Senators and Reps of key committees and testify to oppose SBs 1311/1646 and HBs 1399/1424. The Senate hearing is Monday morning at 9 am. The House hearing is Wednesday afternoon at 1 pm. SB 29 (anti-trans athletes) is scheduled for floor debate in the Senate on Monday, so call your Senator first thing Monday morning to oppose SB 29 too!

Read: [indivisibletxlege.org: Stop Attacks on Transgender Youth and Those Who Care for Them](#)

3. Call to Support Charter School Accountability

Call House Education Committee Members to SUPPORT HB 97, 450, and 1249

Charter Schools are funded with public education dollars, but don't have the same level of accountability as traditional public schools. [Learn more about these key bills to SUPPORT in order to hold Charter Schools accountable.](#) Let's push to get these bills passed out of committee!

4. Call to Axe the Tampon Tax!

Call House Ways and Means Committee Members to SUPPORT HB 321 that would remove the luxury tax from certain menstrual hygiene products

Can you believe that basic, necessary menstrual hygiene products, like tampons, are taxed as if they were a luxury item? I can't! Our state government has the power, and the responsibility, to change that. Let's push them to do the right thing. [Find all of the information you need to make an informed call on the CTA portion of our Website!](#)

5. Call to Create Conditional Drivers' Permits

Call House State Affairs Committee Members and Ask them to Support HB 1058

From our friends at RAICES, [make calls to help ALL Texans get the legal ability to drive.](#) Texas is huge. Driving is nearly imperative for basic life activities like going to work and school. Creating the ability for all Texans to get drivers' permits will make our roads safer. Make calls this week to push for a committee hearing on HB 1058!

6. Show Up

Attend one of the following events hosted by our allies this week:

Indivisible Grapevine Area Letters for Democracy: [Stop Voter Suppression in Texas - Monday 4/12 at 6 PM](#)

VoteSimple & Swing Left Texas Protect Our Vote Rally: [#StopSB7 #HaltHB6 Saturday, 4/17 at 10 AM in Houston](#)

Please feel encouraged to plan a Voting Rights Rally near you!

7. Donate

Donate to Indivisible TX Lege during our matching period

From now until May 30, Indivisible National will match all donations up to \$500 to Indivisible TX Lege. Take advantage of this opportunity to double your contribution while it lasts!

Give: [Stand with Indivisible TX Lege](#)

That's it for this week, but keep an eye out on our CTA page for new and updated actions you can take to make a positive difference in our state. Keep calling to [push back on the anti-abortion bills](#), and [keep calling in support of Medicaid Expansion](#). Lives literally depend on these!

Let us know how these emails can be more helpful by simply responding to this email. We

appreciate hearing from you!

Much love,
Marieke
Indivisible TX Lege

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