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Hi y'all,

We're about to head into a [new chapter of the session](#). After May 10, if a bill has not already made it out of its House Committee, there is slim to zero chance that it will have time to get passed out of the legislature by the end of session on May 31 (only 5 weeks away!). What does that mean for you? If there's a bill you love that hasn't had a committee hearing yet, we need to push for that bill to be heard and voted out of committee before May 10! Similarly with a bad bill, if it's not out of committee by May 10, it is dead. So keep making [calls to committees](#) to support or oppose [our focus bills](#)!

We continue to see movement on our focus bills, with a few scheduled to have committee hearings or House Floor debate this week. Please help us pass the good bills and stop the bad! Hope to see you at our Action Banking this week on [Tuesday](#) and [Thursday](#) at 1PM-3PM and looking forward to seeing all of the actions you've taken this week after you log them on our [CTA tracker](#)!

1. Every day - Call to Keep Abortion Access Safe and Legal

Call the House Calendars Committee to DELAY scheduling floor debate for a slew of anti-abortion bills

If these bills become law, Texans will die. We need a huge volume of calls to stop these bills. [Bill numbers, info, scripts and more are all available on our CTA to OPPOSE HBs 1515, 3218, 3760, 2313, and 2337.](#) Please ask your Rapid Response 5 (or 10 or 20!) to make calls against these terrible bills too.

2. Tuesday - Testify and Call to OPPOSE SB 28 - Charter School Expansion

Testify in person or written, and call the House Public Ed Committee to OPPOSE SB 28 at their hearing Tuesday, April 27 at 8 am

SB 28 looks like a bill written by people who aim to gain financially from charter school expansion. It removes local control of charter expansion, letting charter schools open up wherever and whenever they want. [More background, scripts, links for written testimony, and more can be found at our CTA.](#)

3. Call to SUPPORT HB 3112 - Transparency in Redistricting

Call the House Redistricting Committee to SUPPORT HB 3112 and have a public hearing on the bill

This bill is an example of something that we want to see get out of committee by May 10 that hasn't yet. [Make a call about it this week and next to push it through committee!](#)

4. Call to SUPPORT HB 41 - Limits Public Pre-K Class Size

Call the House Public Ed Committee to SUPPORT HB 41 that limits public Pre-K class sizes

This bill has already had a committee hearing, but has not passed out of committee yet. When you call, consider asking if the Representative supports HB 41 already or not. If the answer is no, ask why, and let us know what they say! [Read our CTA for more on the bill plus numbers and scripts.](#)

5. Keep Calling on high priority bills!

Keep calling, emailing, visiting, and writing letters to your legislators for the following bills we're focused on

a. Call your Rep to OPPOSE HB 1925 (criminalizes homelessness) that has a floor debate on 4/26. The companion bill SB 987 has already passed the Senate, so this is one of our last chances to stop the bill from passing. [More info in our previous CTA.](#)

b. Call your Rep to OPPOSE HB 20 (bad bail reform) that has floor debate on 4/27. Like HB 1925, HB 20's companion bill SB 21 has already passed the Senate. Read the [Texas Civil Rights Project's letter](#) to learn more about why HB 20 is bad for Texas.

c. Call Speaker Phalen & House Appropriations to Expand Medicaid in Texas by SUPPORTING HB 3871 and HB 1741. Neither of these bills are out of committee yet, but HB 3871 has bipartisan support. Let's save Texas lives and Texas money. [Support Expanding Medicaid CTA](#)

d. Call your Rep to support HB 829, HB 830, and HB 834 which are smaller pieces of the George Floyd Bill. It's unlikely that the whole bill, HB 88 will pass, so let's focus on some smaller bills that will pass sections of it. Call your Rep to SUPPORT HBs 829, 830, and 834.

e. Call your Senator to OPPOSE HB 1927, permitless carry. The House passed HB 1927, but the Senate hasn't yet. The Senate Committee that received it didn't want to pass it, so [Dan Patrick formed his own committee.](#) Awful. Keep pushing your Senator to OPPOSE HB 1927

f. Call the Senate Commerce Committee to SUPPORT SB 243 that raises energy efficiency standards in Texas. SB 243 had its public hearing but has not made it out of committee yet. Keep pushing on the committee members to SUPPORT it and send it to the Senate floor for passage. [Read more in our CTA.](#)

g. Call your State Rep to OPPOSE HB 6 and SB 7. These are big bills that continue to morph. There are also a slew of smaller bad voter suppression bills that the GOP is pushing as a death-by-a-thousand-papercuts approach if they can't get HB 6 and SB 7 out. Keep an eye on [our CTA page](#) for updates on those later this week. Read [here for some indepth analysis of HB 6.](#)

That's it for this week! If you missed our great budget night discussions, you can still catch them on our youtube channel. [Part 1](#) covers how the budget and the budget process work. [Part 2](#) covers the budget and its impact on Public Education and Healthcare. We've also got a [Budget Night Watch Party](#) where you can see the House budget night in action with explainers and comments to help understand what it all means. While you're there, please [subscribe to the channel](#) so we can unlock some useful capabilities!

Hope you're getting comfortable making those calls to your Reps. If there's anything we can do to get you started making calls, or help you get even more involved, don't hesitate to reach out by responding to this email. We're here to help!

Many thanks as always to all of our great Indivisible TX Lege volunteers who make all of this important content available. They are incredible!

Much love,
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