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Hi y'all,

It was another week of shenanigans at the state legislature this week: [surprise committee hearings for the voter suppression bill SB 7](#), short notice for a redistricting hearing that happened on Saturday (which was ALSO Election Day for many local races), and our dear Governor going on national television and lying about proposed voter suppression bills.

In 4 short weeks, our legislature will gavel-out to end the regular legislative session for 2021. Make sure you do everything you can to stop bad bills and push good bills over the finish line. Texas needs you! Some good news to hopefully motivate you: portions of the George Floyd bill, HBs 829, 830, and 834 passed the House last week. Stay tuned to our website for next steps!

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. Call to SUPPORT Pro-Voter Bills HB 32, HB 160, HB 2594, HB 2860, HB 3200, HB 4530, SB 331, SB 1018, and SB 1572

Call the [House Elections Committee](#) and push them to support several pro-voter bills. Some good bills were heard in the House Elections Committee last week. Keep calling them this week to push them out of committee! [Read more about them and how they would help Texans on our CTA.](#)

Say: "Hi. My name is _____. I live in _____ and my zip code is _____. I'm asking today that Representative _____ ensure that the following bills pass out of the Elections Committee: House Bills 32, 160, 2594, 2860, 3200, 4530, and Senate Bills 331, 1018 and 1572."

2. Call to OPPOSE SB 1340

Call the [House Elections Committee](#) and push them to oppose SB 1340 that would make the Texas Secretary of State the Chief Voter Registrar for Texas.

This bill, that would make a partisan appointee in charge of voter registration for the whole state, also had a hearing last week. [Keep calling committee members to make sure they know that Texas opposes SB 1340.](#) Let's kill this bill!

3. Call to SUPPORT HB 3668

Call the [Calendars Committee](#) and your Rep to support HB 3668 that will limit required high-stakes testing for Texas kids.

This good bill has made it out of the House Education Committee. Let's call the Calendars Committee and your own State Rep to make sure this bill gets to the House Floor and passed! [Read more about how this bill will help Texas kids, plus find scripts and phone numbers on our website.](#)

4. Tuesday - Call to OPPOSE HB 2692

Call your Rep to oppose HB 2692 that allows high-level radioactive waste in Texas before they go to the House Floor for debate this Tuesday.

We told you about this bill back in March when it had its committee hearing. Now it's made it to the House Floor, scheduled this Tuesday. For more on the bill, including what you can say if you want to elaborate more than "Hi, Please oppose HB 2692," [check out our previous CTA.](#)

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 the [House Calendars Committee](#) and your Rep to Keep Abortion Access Safe and Legal. There is a slew of bills to call to OPPOSE. [Bill numbers, info, scripts and more are all available on our CTA to OPPOSE HBs 1515, 3218, 3760, 2313, and 2337](#)

b. Call your Rep to OPPOSE HB 1925 (criminalizes homelessness). 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.](#)

c. Call your Rep to OPPOSE HB 20 (bad bail reform) that has floor debate on 5/3. 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.

d. 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](#)

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.](#)

h. Call your State Rep, the [House Calendars Committee](#), and Speaker Phalen to Protect Trans Kids. Several bills still have the potential to become law if we don't keep pushing back. Check out our [previous CTA on SBs 1311/1646 and HBs 1399/1424.](#)

That's it for this week. Now is the time to reach out to your Rapid Response 5 regularly to keep nudging them to make calls. Remember, our elected officials are working to make sure they win reelection. If they hear from a majority of constituents to vote for or against a bill, it is in their best interest to vote the way of their constituents. Make them earn your vote!

Take care everyone. We're in the last few weeks and need to keep pushing!

Much love,

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