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Hi y'all,

Only two weeks left to sine die. Two weeks! Last week some bad bills were killed because they hadn't progressed far enough. [HB 1399](#), the bill that excludes transition care for medical liability insurance, met its fate that way, as did [HB 611](#) that would have increased penalties for people providing help to voters. Unfortunately good bills died too, and it looks like Medicaid expansion won't be happening this legislative session. [You can keep an eye on our key focus bills on our website](#). Let us know how we can make this tool more useful next session!

On top of legislative progress, we also saw that [Governor Abbott's office knew about illegal housing in the foster care system but did nothing about it](#). And we saw a [leaked video on the widespread push to pass voter suppression laws](#) in the US. The people in power in Texas are not upholding the responsibilities of their office. We need to make some noise and make it clear to the people of Texas that the single-party-rule we've seen in our state must come to an end. We need to elect legislators, a Lt Governor and Governor who are ready to roll up their sleeves and get to work for Texans!

Here is a [compiled list of actions, including bill number, phone numbers to call and scripts in a consolidated table](#). 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. Testify to OPPOSE HB 3979

Testify and call the Senate State Affairs Committee to OPPOSE HB 3979 which would limit free speech and engagement in classrooms

This bill passed through the House last week, and now is in the Senate. [Read more about what the bill does, who to call, and what to say in our CTA](#). And [watch this exchange](#) between Rep Talarico and the bill's author Steve Toth from last week. The committee was scheduled to hear this bill tomorrow, but just deleted it from the schedule. Keep an eye out for its [reschedule](#)!

2. Call to influence the budget

Call the Budget Conference Committee to influence what gets funded in our state

From healthcare, to public education, to shifting border resources elsewhere, our state budget influences many of our lives. [Read up on a few ways we can push the budget to do more good, then make some calls with the provided script in our CTA](#).

3. Tuesday - Testify to OPPOSE SB 1254

Testify and call the House State Affairs Committee 5/18 at 8 am to OPPOSE SB 1254

that would allow for an unconstitutional interstate compact that would allow for state and local immigration enforcement

The Texas GOP are obsessed with villainizing immigrants. They should be obsessed with fixing real problems in our state. Push the committee to kill this bill and let it die before the session ends. [For more background, scripts, and numbers, check out our CTA](#). Remember you can leave online, written testimony!

4. Call to OPPOSE SB 1365

Call the House Calendars Committee and your State Rep to OPPOSE SB 1365 that would allow for the Texas Education Agency to replace democratically-elected school boards

This bill would give the commissioner of the TEA - an appointed position - sole discretion regarding school district investigations, and allow that person the right to evaluate and punish districts as they see fit. The bill would also make the TEA commissioner's decisions unappealable in court. If a school board isn't doing its job, the voters of that district should vote them out. We don't need an appointed bureaucrat taking over our schools.

For more: [Texas AFT: Bills Empowering State Takeover Also Removes TEA Investigatory Powers over Charters](#)

Call: [House Calendars Committee](#) and [your Rep](#)

Say: "Hi, my name is _____ and my zip code is _____. I'm calling to ask [Rep] to oppose SB 1365. Local residents know best when it comes to managing our school boards and the representatives who make local decisions. School districts should not be subject to TEA take over under any circumstances, and especially not due to test scores from a few campuses. [Tell your personal story here]
Please vote no on SB 1365. Thank you."

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. Keep calling to OPPOSE anti-abortion bills. [Bill numbers, info, scripts and more are all available on our CTA to OPPOSE HBs 3218, 3760, 2313, and 2337.](#)
- b. Call Governor Abbott at 512-463-2000 to VETO SB 8, the heartbeat bill.
- c. Call Speaker Phelan 512-463-1000 and Rep Burrows 512-463-0542 to keep anti-trans bills off of the House Floor, especially SB 29
- d. Call Governor Abbott to veto SB 7, the voter suppression bill
- e. [Call Governor Abbott to veto SB 13 that forces companies to invest in fossil fuels](#)
- f. [Call Governor Abbott to veto HB 17 that prevents electrification in Texas](#)
- g. Call your State Senator to OPPOSE HB 20 (bad bail reform). Read the [Texas Civil Rights Project's letter](#) to learn more about why HB 20 is bad for

Texas.

h. Call Governor Abbott to OPPOSE HB 1927, permitless carry. The House and Senate have both passed HB 1927. Push on the Governor's office to do what's right for Texans.

Let's keep putting pressure on our legislators for these last two weeks of session. You can do it!

Much love,

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