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Hi y'all,

One week left. One more week of the chaos that is the Texas Legislative Session. Here's a quick recap of what happened last week. It was not good, for the most part, and on top of that, the Senate failed to confirm the latest SoS appointee, which means the Governor can appoint whoever he wants to fill that roll until 2023:

- Bad bills that moved forward or passed:
  - [SB 8 that essentially makes abortion illegal was signed by Governor Abbott](#)
  - [HB 17 that prevents electrification and hooks Texas on natural gas](#) was signed by Governor Abbott
  - [HB 1925 that criminalizes homelessness](#) passed out of the Senate
  - [HB 20 that requires people to pay to be released on bond passed out of the Senate](#)
  - [HB 3979 that limits free speech and engagement in classrooms also passed out of the Senate](#). Keep an eye out for a CTA on our website if that bill goes to conference committee
- Some good bills moved too!
  - [HB 133 that extends medicaid coverage for new moms made it out of the Senate committee \(with a shortened benefit window compared to the House version\)](#) and is scheduled for Senate Floor debate on 5/24
  - HB 1382 that helps track mail-in voting ballots made it out of the Senate

Thankfully we only have 1 more week of this legislative session. If dates aren't changed due to the delay in redistricting, candidates for office will need to register to run in December of this year for the March primary and November 2022 general election. Let's keep this awful legislative session at the top of Texans' minds between now and then so we can vote out the irresponsible legislators and replace them with someone who will work to help Texans!

Here is a [compiled list of actions, including bill number, phone numbers to call and scripts in a consolidated table](#). [You can keep an eye on our key focus bills on our website](#). Please help us pass the good bills and stop the bad!

### **1. Call to OPPOSE SB 7 - Jim Crow 2.0**

**Call the Conference Committee, Lt Governor and Governor to OPPOSE key provisions of SB 7, the Voter Suppression Bill**

This bill is bad. Very bad. It will make voting harder for nearly every person in the state. [Read](#)

[more about SB 7, who to call, and what to say in our CTA.](#)

## **2. Call to OPPOSE SB 1365 - TEA Takeover**

**Call your State Rep to OPPOSE SB 1365 that takes away local control of school districts**

This bill that puts massive amounts of power in the hands of the appointed Texas Education Agency Commissioner is likely to be heard on the House floor this week. Make sure your State Rep knows that their constituents oppose this bill. [Read more, find phone numbers, and scripts at our CTA.](#)

## **3. Call to VETO HB 20 - Bad Bail Reform**

**Call Governor Abbott at 512-463-2000 to VETO HB 20 that requires people to pay to be released on bond while awaiting trial**

HB 20 passed out of the Senate this week. It requires people to wait in jail until their trial if they're not able to pay a cash bond. [Read more about HB 20, including a script in our CTA.](#)

## **4. Call to SUPPORT HB 764 - Limits Standardized Testing**

**Call Senate Education Chair Larry Taylor at 512-463-0111 to hold a hearing and pass HB 764 through committee**

Here is a good bill to support - it limits the amount of standardized testing required of Texas students. [For more on the bill, who to call, and what to say, check out our CTA.](#)

## **5. Keep Calling**

**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 Speaker Phelan 512-463-1000 and Rep Burrows 512-463-0542 to keep anti-trans bills off of the House Floor, especially SB 29**

**c. Call Governor Abbott to veto SB 7, the voter suppression bill**

**d. [Call Governor Abbott to veto SB 13 that forces companies to invest in fossil fuels](#)**

**e. 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.

## **6. Join us on 5/28 for Readers' Corner**

This month we read [There There by Tommy Orange](#), a book that explores the complexities of Native Americans living in urban, modern America. Hope you can [join us Friday 5/28 at noon to discuss!](#)

That's it for this week. Huge shoutout to our issue huddles and huddle leaders who provide content for these newsletters, and for our amazing comms team that keeps our website up to date. They have been doing amazing work!

ONE WEEK LEFT OF SESSION! And then we can all rest up for a bit, regroup, and refocus on redistricting and holding our legislators accountable at the ballot box come November 2022 (which will be here before you know it)!

Take care of yourselves!

Much love,

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