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Hi y'all,

Only 1 day left until Sine Die, when the 87th legislature officially adjourns! What a crazy, awful session it's been. As of the writing of this email, SB 7, the voter suppression bill waits to be passed by the House which is its final stop before heading to the Governor's desk. Remember - while the regular session ends tomorrow, May 31, Governor Abbott has until June 20 to sign bills into law. So keep on calling to Governor to push back on bad bills!

Recap of this week:

- [HB 3979, the bill that limits free speech in classrooms, seemed to be killed in the House, but then the Senate ignored the rules to pass through HB 3979 which is now headed to the Governor's desk](#)
- [In the middle of the night last night, the Senate debated and passed SB 7 that came out of conference committee worse than it was before.](#) Now it's with the House.
- [HB 20, the bad bail bill, went through its conference committee...](#)it's unclear if it has time to pass
- [HB 133, the bill that extends medicaid coverage for new moms, made it through the Senate and is headed to Gov Abbott's desk](#)

Most of the [bills we've been tracking](#) are dead or are headed to the Governor's desk. We will keep [the tracker](#) up to date through June 20.

Here are your actions for this week:

1. Call your Rep and Gov Abbott at 512-463-2000 to VOTE NO on SB 7

This is the big bad voter suppression that we've been discussing most of the session along with its companion HB 6. [Here is a CTA from the League of Women Voters you can use for more information.](#) After tonight, call Governor Abbott daily!

2. Join the hanger crusade

In order to remind people of the deadly consequences Texans will face when they no longer have safe, legal access to abortions, we are sending hangers to the Governor, and legislators in Texas. [Directions and notes you can attach are in a CTA on our website.](#) Please encourage your friends and family to join too!

3. Listen to Eric Holder's interview on redistricting in Texas

Redistricting will be happening this year in a Special Legislative Session, likely in the fall. Redistricting will draw lines for US Congressional districts, State Senate, State House, State

Board districts and more. It is a vitally important process that can completely disenfranchise swaths of people if not done fairly. Start learning about the process, why it matters, and what we can do to help influence the outcome.

Listen: texasstandard.org: [Eric Holder On Opposing Voting Restrictions: 'We Should Be Energized, Galvanized, Motivated'](#)

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4. Call Governor Abbott at 512-463-2000 to PASS HB 133

HB 133 extends Medicaid coverage for new moms from 3 months to 6 months (the Senate shortened it from a full year). Let's push this good bill over the finish line!

For more: houstonpublicmedia.org: [Medicaid Extension For Pregnant Texans Passes The Senate Early Thursday Morning](#)

Say: (when the operator picks up, let them know you want to leave a comment for the Governor on HB 133) When you get to a staffer say, "Hi, I'm a constituent of Governor Abbott's. I'm calling today to urge him to sign HB 133 into law. We need to reduce maternal mortality rates in our state, and HB 133 is a good start. Please pass HB 133. My zip code is ____."

5. Call Governor Abbott at 512-463-2000 to VETO bad bills

Several bad bills have passed through both chambers and are waiting on Governor Abbott's signature. When you call, you can simply ask the Governor to veto the following bill numbers all at once. You can also make separate calls for each bill if you prefer. Links here are from past CTAs to reference for background. [New scripts are in the Newsletter Summary Table.](#)

- a. [HB 20 - the bad bail bill](#)
- b. [HB 1925 - criminalizes homelessness](#)
- c. HB 1927 - permitless carry
- d. [HB 3979 - limits free speech in classrooms](#)
- e. [SB 1365 - makes it easier for TEA to takeover school boards](#)
- f. [SB 13 - forces companies to invest in fossil fuels](#)

That's it for this weekend, and for the 87th legislative session. If you value the work that we're doing at Indivisible TX Lege, [please consider donating](#) to help us increase our education of Texans on the importance of our state legislature and how each of us can make a difference. And if you have a group that would like to learn more about the Texas Legislature or Redistricting, please reach out by responding to this email!

Much love and Sine Die,
Marieke
Indivisible TX Lege

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