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Hi y'all,

The Special Session is here! Last Wednesday, Governor Abbott issued his agenda, and wow, is it awful. The Texas Tribune has a great [article that answers common questions about Special Sessions](#), and also includes the 11 topics he deems worthy of extra legislative action. Voting restrictions, bad bail reform, critical race theory, more abortion bans, and other topics that appeal to the GOP base made the cut. Topics that didn't make the cut: fixing Texas' power grid, COVID recovery, or flooding mitigation infrastructure, just to name a few.

Remember that in a Special Session, all bills have new numbers. Here is a quick list of some of the bills we'll be focusing on:

- SB 1 / HB 3 - The Voting Restriction Bills
- SB 2 / SB 32 / HB 179 - The Transgender Athlete Discrimination Bills
- HB 2 / SB 6 - Bad Bail Reform
- HB 6 / SB 4 - Bans Abortion Medication

1. Call

Call your State Rep and State Senator and urge them to OPPOSE SB 1 and HB 3

SB 1 and HB 3 are this session's big, bad, voting restriction bills. [Read more about them and who you should call to oppose SB 1 and HB 3 on our website](#). Together we can ensure the freedom to vote is protected for all eligible Texans!

2. Comment or Testify

Submit Comments or Testify on Redistricting Before the Hearings on Tuesday, July 13 at 10 am and Saturday, July 17 at 11 am

The House Redistricting Committee is having more interim hearings on Redistricting (which is expected to be the topic of another Special Session later this year). You can testify in person at the Capitol, or [submit your comments in writing](#). [Read more about it in the CTA \(Call to Action\) on our website!](#)

3. Rally

Show up at the Capitol on Tuesday, July 13

Join Texans from across the Lone Star State for Voting Rights Advocacy Day at the Capitol in Austin. We need to stand up for voting rights and defend our democracy from the latest attacks by Abbott and his corrupt enablers in the Texas legislature. Texas lawmakers need to hear from you. The advocacy day will include trainings and opportunities to advocate for pro-

voter, pro-democracy reforms and voice your fierce opposition to anti-voting bills that try to silence our voices, weaken elections, and undermine democracy

Sign up: [Voting Rights Advocacy Day Registration](#)

4. Comment or Testify

Tuesday, July 13, Submit Comments or Testify against HB 6 that restricts access to the abortion pill

From ACLU: On Tuesday, July 13th, the House Public Health Committee will hear HB6, a bill that restricts access to the abortion pill. Medication abortion is an extremely safe, effective, and evidence-based way to end a pregnancy. House bill 6 will reduce access to medication abortion from 10 weeks to 7 weeks and criminalize doctors for following decades worth of research and offering evidence-based care.

For more: [House Public Health Hearing 7/13 1 pm](#)

Comment: [House Public Comment Form](#)

5. Show Up

Keep an eye on our [Indivisible TX Lege Calendar](#) and **SHOW UP** at events when you can!

Now that many of us are vaccinated, [in-person activism is happening safely again](#) (check out some of our Indivisible TX Lege activists featured in this WaPo article!). Keep up with events happening by checking out [our Calendar](#). There are several events going on through the Special Session, with more being planned!

That's it for this week. Don't forget to weave in your personal stories when you're reaching out to legislators. And keep sending us your questions, comments, and suggestions!

Much love,

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