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Hi y'all,

It's not 100% clear, but the [Texas House appears to have met a quorum last week](#). Because of that, it's time to make calls, testify, and push back against bad bills this special session! Our Democratic State Reps fought hard to support us and protect our voting rights (and other rights) the last two months. Let's make sure we do our part by pushing legislators to serve ALL Texans.

1. Testify and Call to OPPOSE SB 1

Testify in person or in writing against SB 1 - the Voter Suppression Bill on Monday, August 23 at 8 AM and call committee members to OPPOSE SB 1

The Voter Suppression Bill is SB 1 during this special session, and it's up for a committee hearing early Monday morning. If you don't get a chance to get your written testimony in by 8 am, keep calling the committee members' offices! For more on what's in this version of SB1, who to call, where to testify, and what you can say, [check out our website](#).

2. Testify and Call to OPPOSE SB 2

Testify in person or in writing against SB 2 - the Anti-Trans Athlete Bill on Tuesday, August 24 at 10:30 AM and call committee members to OPPOSE SB 2

The Anti-Trans Athlete Bill is back this special session as SB 2. This bill helps no one and hurts some of our most at-risk kids. Let's make sure we make enough noise to solidly stop this bill yet again. Find more on where to testify, who to call, and what to say at [our website](#).

3. Call to OPPOSE HB 141

Call House State Affairs Committee members to OPPOSE HB 141 that would make it illegal to have a mask mandate at Texas schools

The Texas GOP is trying to put into law Greg Abbott's current executive order regarding mask mandates. This bill is fodder for the far-far right wing base. The data is clear - masks help stop the spread of COVID-19. Schools need to be able to protect their students, faculty, and staff by taking common sense measures like requiring masks. And let's be real - the Texas GOP are using this moment to begin the dismantling of public schools. They are using this opportunity to push more public education funding to private schools. We must stop them now and stop HB 141!

For more: [Dallas News: Texas state Rep. Jeff Leach defends bill he introduced to prohibit mask mandates in schools](#)

Read: [NPR: In Florida, Texas And Arizona, Defiant School Leaders Are Sticking With Mask Mandates](#)

Say: "Hi, my name is _____ and I live in zip code _____. I'm calling today as a

[parent/educator/community member] who is incredibly concerned with the way our elected officials are playing politics with the health of our students and communities. I understand that HB 141 would disallow local schools to make decisions that are best for their schools. In these difficult times, our legislature should be taking action that HELPS our kids and families, not hurting them. [Tell your story here!] HB 141 needs to be stopped immediately, and our Governor needs to let local districts do what is right for them. Stop putting our kids' health at risk. Thank you."

Call:

Chair	Chris Paddie	R 9	512-463-0556
Vice-Chair	Ana Hernandez	D 143	512-463-0614
Member	Joe Deshotel	D 22	512-463-0662
Member	Sam Harless	R 126	512-463-0496
Member	Donna Howard	D 48	512-463-0631
Member	Todd Hunter	R 32	512-463-0672
Member	Phil King	R 61	512-463-0738
Member	Eddie Lucio III	D 38	512-463-0606
Member	Will Metcalf	R 16	512-463-0726
Member	Richard Raymond	D 42	512-463-0558
Member	Matt Shaheen	R 66	512-463-0594
Member	Shelby Slawson	R 59	512-463-0628
Member	John Smithee	R 86	512-463-0702
Clerk	Clerk		512-463-0814

4. Write

Write a Letter to the Editor (LTE) to help sway public opinion in your community

Letters to the Editor can be a great tool in the activism arsenal to help get your thoughts in front of a large audience, including legislators. Mad about the mask battle at schools? Outraged over the abortion restrictions and open door for litigation that will go into effect on Sept 1? Frustrated at our legislature's push to restrict voting access? Any and all topics are fair game for Letters to the Editor!

For more: [reset.org: How to Make a Difference - Tips for Effective Activism \(LTE section near the bottom\)](https://www.reset.org/how-to-make-a-difference-tips-for-effective-activism/)

Here's an example LTE from Indivisible TX Lege-er Kathy Williams: [LTE: Abbott decrees no masks, Texas children die](#)

I'm sure I've said this before, but we REALLY need all of you to take action this week to stop SB 1 and SB 2. We can't stop these bills without a collective push.

Keep an eye on our website for more CTAs as we track other bills going through the special session. Governor Abbott has a lot of [awful items on his agenda](#), so we need to push back!

Much love,
Marieke
Indivisible TX Lege
#TexansDeserveBetter

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