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Hi y'all,

I'm sure many of you have been keeping a close eye on our neighbors in Louisiana as they start the long recovery following yesterday's hurricane. Here are [a few ways you can help](#) our neighbors to the East.

It's also important to take a minute to understand how [climate change contributed to the fast acceleration of this storm](#), and others in recent years. Our state, federal, and local governments need to tackle the growing prevalence of natural disasters on two fronts:

1. Invest in infrastructure projects that help mitigate the impact of dangerous weather events in our communities. Things like improving drainage to minimize flood damage or increasing water runoff collection to minimize drought impacts fall into this category, sometimes referred to as adaptation.
2. Reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and greenhouse gas levels in our air. This step is geared toward solving the root cause of climate change: too much CO2 in the Earth's atmosphere.

Both of these steps need to be tackled, and tackled in a way that is too large for any one company or nonprofit to work on their own. Our elected officials need to step up and lead us toward a secure and safe future, and right now, the Texas "leaders" won't even allow the discussion of climate change in our state legislature. The only way our state can make a change is to make sure we elect officials at every level of government that not only acknowledge that climate change is real, but who also have the will to make big changes in the way our state talks about, cares about, and responds to our environment.

In Special Session news:

- [SB 1, the Voter Suppression Bill, has passed out of both the House, Senate, and Conference Committee and is likely to become law.](#)
- [SB 4, that outlaws abortion medication, has passed out of both the House and Senate.](#)
- [SB 6, the Bad Bail Reform Bill, has passed out of both the House and the Senate.](#)
- [SB 2, the Anti-Trans Athlete Bill, and SB 3, that limits educators' ability to teach history, are both stalled in their House committees, but are under massive pressure from Dan Patrick to get passed to the full House.](#)

The good news? All of these bad laws can be overturned in the 2023 legislative session IF we're able to flip some seats and vote out some very bad legislators. More good news: every single State Rep, State Senator, the Lt Governor, Governor, Attorney General, and more are

up for election in 2022. So if you're feeling tired now, PLEASE REST UP! We need your efforts to help register voters, get out the vote, and if you're up for it, even run for office.

In the meantime, keep up your calls to your state legislators on the issues that matter to you. They ARE listening, and they DO get swayed by calls from constituents. After all, most of their #1 priority is to win reelection!

Stay safe and take care.

Much love,

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