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Hi y'all,

The third Special Suppression Session is under way and our state government continues to attack human rights and democracy. The Texas GOP is banking on us getting tired and giving up. We cannot let that happen! Please commit to making at least one call this week. And don't forget to tell your Rapid Response 5 about these important actions and ask them to make a call as well. We can work for a better Texas, together!

1. Call for Fair Maps

Call your State Senator and Representative and urge them to work for maps that fairly represent Texans across the state

New maps are under discussion at the Legislature. As expected, the maps proposed so far by the Texas GOP decrease the number of competitive seats, ignore the growth and influence of communities of color, and gerrymanders for power. Congressional maps are expected to be released soon. Make sure your legislators know that their constituents are holding them accountable to draw fair maps.

For more: [Texas Monthly: How Might Texas Get Gerrymandered?](#)

Say: *"Hi, I'm a constituent of Rep/Senator _____, and I'm calling today regarding the redistricting process. From what I've seen so far, the maps seem to disenfranchise communities of color. [Share your district changes here] Competitive districts strengthen our democracy. If legislators are worried about reelection, they should work harder to represent their constituents instead of redrawing maps to their liking. I urge the Senator/Rep to push for more redistricting hearings with a more fair and transparent process for this important work. My zip code is _____."*

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Watch: [Fair Maps Texas Press Conference](#)

Attend: [Redistricting Town Hall - October 4 at 6:30 PM CST](#)

2. Call to Save Lives

Call your State Rep to oppose anti-trans bills SB 3 and HB 10

Just like SB 29 was in the regular session, SB 3 and HB 10 attack transgender kids. It's more important than ever for House members to hear from you, their constituent, that you support trans kids and OPPOSE SB 3 and HB 10. Calls to suicide hotlines from Texas are spiking because the bills are receiving hearings, and vile testimony is being given from some on the right. If these bills pass into law, we could lose children to these hateful policies. Most Texans oppose bills like this one. Let's make sure to flood legislators' phones to make that clear.

For more background plus a script: [Our Call to Action from the last Suppression Session \(same script applies!\)](#)

Important News: [Texas Tribune: Texas bill restricting transgender student athletes' sports participation has enough votes to pass. House Speaker Dade Phelan says](#)

3. Call to Save Democracy

Call the Deputy Secretary of State's office at 512-463-5650 (or email at jesparza@sos.texas.gov) to oppose their unfounded audit of the 2020 election

The office of our Secretary of State (we don't have a nominated nor confirmed SoS) announced this week that they would be conducting a full forensic audit of the 2020 election, after a request from Donald Trump. Let's be clear - this action is an attack on our democracy. If election results can be questioned with no valid reason, the entire bedrock of our democracy is at risk. Flood the phone lines with opposition to this fraudulent audit. Make sure the SoS knows that Texans will not tolerate this reckless behavior.

Read: [Texas Civil Rights Project: A Letter to the Texas Secretary of State](#)

For more: [Texas Tribune: Texas 2020 Election Audit](#)

Say: *"Hi, I'm a Texan and I'm calling regarding the audit your office is doing of the 2020 election. Not only is this audit a waste of my taxpayer money and limited state resources, but it is an attack on our democracy. I'd also urge the Secretary to address the concerns and questions laid out by the Texas Civil Rights Project before the spend a dime more. Cut out the nonsense. We Texans won't stand for it. My zip code is _____."*

Retweet: [Texas Civil Rights Project Letter to the SOS](#)

4. Call to Protect Public Health

Call your State Rep and State Senator to oppose any bills that bar employers from requiring COVID-19 vaccinations

Although 83% of Texans are eligible for a vaccine, about half have done so. This low vaccination rate is a big reason why so many Texans have been impacted from the virus this year. Sadly, [Texas has the highest number of child COVID 19 deaths in the US](#). Many House and Senate bills have been introduced that would limit the ability of employers to require employees and students to receive COVID 19 vaccinations. These bills stand in the way of managing the health and safety conditions across the state. Given the high COVID-19 infection rates throughout Texas, vaccination requirements are needed to help reduce the spread of this deadly disease and get the pandemic done and over with.

For more: [Houston Chronicle: Texas still has one of the nation's worst COVID death rates at 280 per day, even as delta subsides](#)

Read: [Texas A&M: 5 Strategies To Counter Politicized COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitancy](#)

Say: *"Hi, I'm a constituent of Rep/Senator _____, and I'm calling to encourage them to oppose all of the House and Senate bills that limit the ability of employers*

and governmental entities to require employees and students to receive COVID 19 vaccinations. All of the bills stand in the way of employers and schools managing the health and safety conditions of their working environments. Given the high COVID-19 infection rates throughout Texas, vaccination requirements are needed to help reduce the spread of this deadly disease.

[Tell your story here]

I also want Rep/Senator _____ to support, in any way possible, the ability of public schools to ensure the health and safety of their students and educators. This includes requiring common sense, science based, actions such as mask wearing, social distancing, and reporting student COVID infections to parents. My zip code is _____. Thank you."

That's it for this week. Keep checking indivisibletxlege.org for more information. Keep up the great work!

Marieke
Much love,
Indivisible TX Lege
#TexansDeserveBetter

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