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Houston GLBT Political Caucus Responds to Texas Dems Returning to the House

With three Democrats returning to the House floor, the Texas House is at the brink of establishing a quorum and enabling the Texas Legislature to move forward with bills from Governor Abbott's special session legislative agenda; an agenda that includes discriminating against innocent trans youth, erasing and prohibiting the teaching of dark periods in our nation's history, and restricting fair and free democratic elections.

In fact, on Tuesday, the Texas Education committee, chaired by Rep. Harold Dutton (D-Houston), will hear the anti-trans sports youth bill (SB 2) and two bills related to <u>banning</u> <u>Critical Race Theory in Texas classrooms</u>, an academic discipline that views race as a social construct and examines how racism has shaped legal and social systems. The passage of these bills would be detrimental to Texas. These bills look for solutions to problems that do not exist, deny the existence of racial and social injustices within our society, and would codify gravely discriminatory practices into law, the impact of which would be felt for years to come.

For over 45 years, the Houston GLBT Political Caucus has endorsed candidates that seek equality and equity for all. We need our elected and endorsed representatives to continue to hold the line and we encourage you to contact the below Caucus endorsed candidates.

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The stakes are too high to give in now to the governor's misleading and discriminatory agenda.

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The Houston GLBT Political Caucus is the South's oldest, civil rights organization dedicated solely to the advancement of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender equality. Founded in 1975, it is the largest GLBT political organization in the city of Houston and Harris County.