



June 26, 2024

The Honorable Greg Abbott  
Governor of Texas  
1200 Congress, Room 25.1  
Austin, TX 78701

Dear Governor Abbott:

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The Honorable Dan Patrick  
Lieutenant Governor  
State Capitol, Room 2E.13  
Austin, Texas 78701

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The Honorable Dade Phelan  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
State Capitol, Room 2W.13  
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Speaker Phelan:

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Mr. Jerry McGinty, II  
Director, Legislative Budget Board  
P.O. Box 12666  
Austin, TX 78711-2666

Dear Mr. McGinty:

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The Honorable Lois Kolkhorst  
Chair, Senate Committee on Health and Human Services  
Sam Houston Building, Room 420  
Austin, TX 78701

Dear Chair Kolkhorst:

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The Honorable Stephanie Klick  
Chair, House Committee on Public Health  
P.O. Box 2910  
Austin, Texas 78768

Dear Chair Klick:

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Sarah Hicks  
Director of Budget and Senior Advisor  
Office of the Governor  
1100 San Jacinto, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Austin, Texas 78711-2428  
Dear Ms. Hicks and Ms. Fletcher:

Madelyn Fletcher  
Budget and Policy Advisor  
Office of the Governor  
P.O. Box 12428  
Austin, Texas 78711-2428

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Chair, House Committee on Homeland Security and Public Safety  
P.O. Box 2910  
Austin, Texas 78768

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Chair, Senate Committee on Criminal Justice  
Sam Houston Building, Room 470  
Austin, Texas 78701

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