

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

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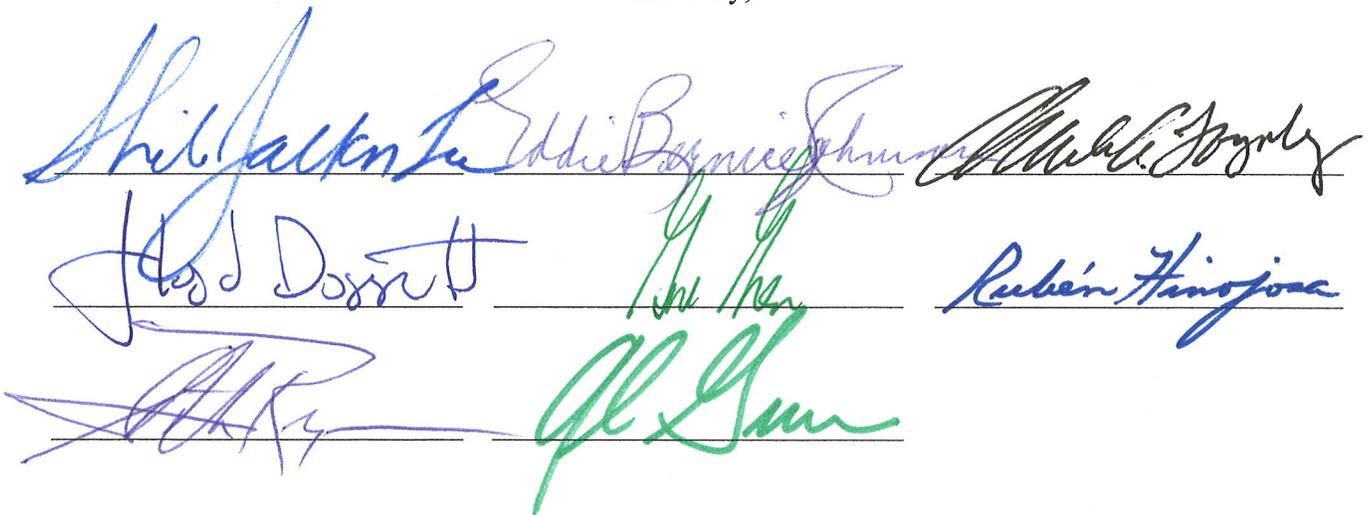
Chairman Van de Putte,

We are saddened that the promulgation of a misguided voter identification law has been given precedence in the 2011 Texas Legislative agenda over education, job creation, and providing Texans with access to affordable, quality healthcare. The people of Texas deserve to have their legislature focus your time on issues that will improve their lives, rather than one which is more likely to worsen them.

Study after study has found almost no evidence of organized voter fraud, in Texas or anywhere in the country. There is simply no reason to believe that voter fraud is a pressing problem for Texas. But we know with certainty that voter identification laws prevent eligible voters from exercising their constitutional rights. Research has shown that a law like SB 14 would disenfranchise tens or even hundreds of thousands of Texans, the majority of them people of color, senior citizens, the disabled, students, and low income voters.

We write to urge the Texas Senate to redirect its efforts toward legislation which would better serve your constituents and the State of Texas. There is so much good you can do. Please, oppose SB 14.

Sincerely,



A collection of handwritten signatures in blue and green ink, arranged in three rows. The first row contains three signatures: a large blue signature, a blue signature that appears to be 'Eddie Boyne', and a blue signature that appears to be 'Michael Zydney'. The second row contains three signatures: a blue signature that appears to be 'Fred Dossert', a blue signature that appears to be 'John Han', and a blue signature that appears to be 'Ruben Hinojosa'. The third row contains two signatures: a blue signature that appears to be 'AAR' and a green signature that appears to be 'Al Sam'.