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TOPLINES

- View the full 10-minute State of the State Democratic Response at txdem.co/SOTS23.
- After 30 years of total Republican control of Texas, our property taxes, our college tuition, our insurance and energy bills are all **higher than ever before**.
- Last night, the Governor attempted to take credit for a historic budget with an unprecedented surplus—don't let him.
- Here are the facts. At least \$10 billion of the \$33 billion of “surplus” is the result of **federal stimulus and relief**, including the American Rescue Plan—**which not a single Republican voted for**.
- Gov. Abbott should have instead thanked President Biden, Leader Schumer and former Speaker Pelosi for contributing to our current state surplus by investing more than \$300 billion in federal projects and assistance to Texas.
 - Even the facility where he delivered his speech from — Noveon Magnetics — has received millions of dollars from the Biden Administration under the Defense Production Act.
- Second, the Governor declared himself an unparalleled champion of public education, claiming to fund our schools more than ever before. He's not telling the truth.
 - The current proposed House and Senate budgets **reduce general-revenue funding for public education by nearly 19%** from what we appropriated in the last budget.
- The 2021 Legislature passed SB 1 appropriating \$47 billion for public education in 2022-2023 but only \$40 billion is now being spent, raising the question of **where is the other \$7 billion?** Did any of our education dollars get diverted to Operation Lone Star?
 - For 2024-2025, the proposed budget seeks to spend \$38 billion in general-fund dollars for public education—a 19% reduction.
- The last big boost in state revenue for schools was 2019: pre-pandemic and pre-inflation. When properly factored into state aid for public schools — which is something the state's education or budget agencies have yet to do correctly — record-high inflation means **schools are getting less per student due to rapidly rising costs**, such as the costs of eggs. By that math, he is not the

education Governor.

- Additionally, Texas Democrats will **hold the line to ensure teachers receive the \$15,000 raise they deserve** and not a penny less because no teacher should have to work a second job to pay the bills.
- And if passing private school vouchers is Governor Abbott's dream, then House Democrats will be his nightmare. Period.
- Third, the Governor requested billions of dollars more for Operation Lone Star while blaming the Biden Administration for the crisis. Once again, facts are stubborn things:
 - New policies announced by President Biden have resulted in a **dramatic reduction in border crossings in the past few months.** The Biden Administration has numbers to prove their policies work; Governor Abbott does not. Instead, the Governor is asking Texans to spend billions of dollars to operate a program that has no evidence of actually working.
- Importantly, what you didn't hear in his speech but what Texans need to know is that **Gov. Abbott spends more money per border apprehension and detention (\$13,000)** than the state budget does per pupil in a public school (\$4,400). Only with local property taxes and federal aid does Texas per-pupil funding even reach \$13,000.
- Even worse, **we have no idea what he's doing with that money behind closed doors** because he's not accountable to anyone for his actions under his emergency powers—not to the taxpayers and not to the Legislature. **That is not how a democracy works.**
- The State of the State is a speech and nothing more. It is the sole constitutional duty of the Legislature to write and pass the budget.
- With a historic budget, delivered by Democrats, this is our moment to invest in Texas.
 - Our moment to **cut costs for Texas families.**
 - Our moment to **correct thirty years of missed opportunities.**
- Our state stands at a crossroads—will we **seize the moment** and **lead the nation and the world** for the next century or will we allow the Texas miracle to turn into the Texas nightmare?

- **Democrats are ready to get to work and deliver for Texas families.**

EDUCATION

“Parental Rights”

- Let’s be clear: Greg Abbott and Texas Republicans have no interest in actually giving parents more latitude on how to raise their children (which, by the way, is **not a problem that actually exists**) – otherwise they wouldn’t be sending state agents to the homes of transgender children to interrogate their families.
- What this bad-faith effort of “parental rights” is really about is, simply, **whitewashing history** and **further marginalizing LGBTQ Texans** in order to placate Republicans’ far-right base.
 - Stripping *history books* of *history* is not “eliminating indoctrination,” it’s whitewashing history.
 - Our children can learn about the failures we endured while embracing the ideals of this country, and they can do it without government intervention.
 - That is what will be required for us to understand who we are as a nation and, more importantly, who we must become.
 - Putting gag orders on any discussion of LGBTQ people or lives will not make it any less likely a child is LGBTQ, it will only make LGBTQ children feel further marginalized in a state where they’re already under constant suspicion and ostracisation.

Private School Vouchers (a.k.a. “School Choice”)

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- Let us be unequivocal: **Texas Democrats vehemently oppose Republicans’ school voucher program**, and we will do everything in our power this Legislative Session to stop it in its tracks -- and ensure *all* Texas kids are able to receive the education they deserve.
- Republicans’ school voucher program would be one of the greatest transfers of wealth in Texas history from the state’s poor and middle class to the richest Texans.

- Republicans plan to take public tax dollars away from already-underfunded public schools and funnel them toward private, often-religious, wealthy schools. **We cannot and will not let this happen.**
- By further gutting Texas public schools -- especially those in rural and urban school districts -- of the resources they desperately need, we would only be **further exacerbating education inequality in Texas** and making it even more difficult for Texas' most vulnerable children to succeed.
- But don't just take our word for it: listen to the San Antonio Express-News editorial board, which [wrote](#) that a school voucher program "would be a seismic change in policy that would **defund public schools, shift tax dollars to private schools and, research suggests, assist wealthy families.**"
- Look no further than the school where Governor Abbott laid out his school voucher plan:
 - A private, Christian school in Corpus Christi that's nearly 60% white (compared to 12% in Corpus Christi ISD)...
 - Where tuition costs nearly \$10,000 a year per student...
 - **Across the street** from two public elementary schools with over 80% economically disadvantaged kids.
 - *Those two public schools* would further lose funding under Abbott's plan.
- And the facts matter: Texas [public education advocates](#) note that school voucher programs that have been implemented in other cities and states have led to:
 - **No improvement** in student outcomes
 - **Ballooned state costs**
 - **Exacerbated lack of accessibility** to children with special needs and disabilities
 - **Inability to cover entire cost** of expensive private schools
 - **Reduced accountability** from schools and teachers
- Additionally, our state is 39th in the nation for per-pupil funding.
 - As recently as 2020, the U.S. Department of Education found that the state, through chronic underfunding, was denying legally required support to students with disabilities.
- As the Houston Chronicle editorial board [noted](#), "Lawmakers advocating for what they consider choice ignore the fact that their primary responsibility as

state officials is to keep public schools whole. That means **paying teachers a decent salary.**”

Speaking of which, we need to...

Raise Teacher Pay!

- Texas Democrats are rallying support for Rep. James Talarico’s new bill that, if passed, will provide **the biggest teacher pay raise in Texas history.**
- **40% of Texas teachers work a second job to pay the bills. Thousands are leaving the profession. In Texas, teacher salaries are \$7,500 behind the national average -- putting us in the bottom half of states.**
- Teacher quality is the #1 school-related factor influencing student success. We ask a lot from our teachers. In the aftermath of COVID, they are facing historic learning loss and an escalating mental health crisis.
- Teachers are also the latest target in the culture wars -- and due to our broken firearm policies, we ask them to be bodyguards from mass shooters.
- Texas has more teachers than any other state in the country. Texas has \$47 billion in unspent funds between our budget surplus and the “Rainy Day Fund.”
- We can be in the Top 10 states for teacher pay and still have HALF of the unspent funds left over. Our bill will help us retain our best teachers and recruit the best and brightest into Texas schools.
- Funding schools is true property tax relief. Increasing school funding at the state level is the only sustainable way to significantly bring down local property taxes.

ECONOMY

Property Tax Relief

- With 33 billion surplus dollars in our checking account and around 27 billion in our savings account, there are **59 billion reasons why Texas Democrats will**

be fighting to make sure that our Texas Budget reflects our values.

- But under Greg Abbott, Texas families and small businesses are paying more so that corporations can pay less.
- Abbott won't say this (because he lives in government housing) but **Texas families feel the weight of property tax bills being higher than ever before in Texas history.**
- Instead of giving you a hand, Republicans are footing you the bill for **tax cuts for corporations.**

Infrastructure + Electric Grid

- Greg Abbott and Texas Republicans have **still not lifted a finger** to ensure we have an electric grid that will ensure our safety and comfort.
- As we saw **just this month**, our electric grid infrastructure in Texas is still in an **incredibly precarious position.**
- The power grid could fail us again because Abbott and our Republican leaders refuse to fix it. **Over 700 people lost their lives during Winter Storm Uri, and yet nothing has been done to keep us from facing a similar crisis moving forward.**
- Texans lost power, homes, and loved ones during the winter storm last year, and who made a fortune off the power outages? The companies that give money to Greg Abbott. Abbott is only in it for himself. When the next disaster hits, the same thing will happen -- Texans will suffer while Abbott gets rich -- unless we vote him out and elect Democrats who will actually fight for Texans.
- Every EMT, foreman, and pipefitter deals with safety precautions every single day. But when the winter storm hit, our governor refused to do the one thing he's supposed to: keep Texans safe. There's a different standard for our governor in this state, and it's not right.
- The next time the power goes out, where will you be? On a plane to Cancun like Ted Cruz, or shivering in the dark like the rest of us? It'll be the exact same story the next time around unless we take action now.
- Despite Governor Abbott's and Texas Republicans' woeful inaction, we still have reasons to be optimistic about the future – because **the Biden-Harris**

Administration and Texas Congressional Democrats have been able to secure **tens of billions of dollars for Texas infrastructure** – including in our electric grid, transportation infrastructure, and helping make Texas a technological innovation and manufacturing global hub.

COVID-19 Mandates

- Governor Abbott and Texas Republicans have for time immemorial spoken about the need to govern from the most local level possible – and we agree.
- Thankfully, the Biden-Harris Administration and Texas Congressional Democrats (with no help from Texas Republicans), have enacted historic legislation that completely changed the course of the COVID-19 pandemic, including securing vaccines and treatments for any single American who wanted them.
- Nevertheless, wherever any COVID-19-related mandates still stand – **we trust that community leaders know their communities far better than Texas Republicans at the Capitol do**, and these kinds of local decisions should be made by local school districts, cities, and counties – local leaders, mayors, and county judges who know their jurisdictions best.

PUBLIC SAFETY

School Safety

- Texas Republicans are moving mountains to be able to avoid the actual issue at hand: guns.
- Their efforts to bolster mental health would be commendable if it was being done in good faith, but even that's dubious considering **Governor Abbott and his fellow NRA donor recipients actually cut mental health funding by \$211 million in 2022 alone.**
- In addition, **Texas ranked last out of all 50 states and the District of Columbia for overall access to mental health care.** All it takes is one person to have one gun and ruin hundreds of lives, and Texas has the most guns per capita contributing to an unacceptable amount of mass shootings.

- The fact of the matter is that **guns are the issue**. Yes, we need more mental health support and our schools need to be properly upgraded – but those are distractions from the issue at hand: that an 18-year old was able to legally purchase a weapon of war and use it to slaughter a classroom of children and teachers.
- Instead of making meaningful reforms after El Paso and Sutherland Springs, the Governor and his fellow Republicans have increased access to guns in recent years.
- The truth is that until real gun safety legislation is passed in this state, children and teachers are, tragically, not safe at school – or anywhere else – in Texas.

Border Security

- By Gov. Abbott's own admission, **the crisis at the border has only become worse on his watch**. Republicans have **no plan and no solutions** – just chaos that has cost taxpayers billions.
- House Democrats will join President Biden in leading with solutions, not stunts. It is up to Republicans in Austin and Washington to decide whether they want slogans and bumper stickers-or an orderly, secure border.
- Texas Democrats commend the [recently-announced Biden-Harris Administration efforts to increase border security](#).
 - And we're thrilled that, thanks to President Biden's strong action on this critical issue, "**border arrests dropped more than 40 percent in January**, reaching the lowest point in two years," [according to the Houston Chronicle](#).
 - And since the Administration implemented its new border plan last month, unlawful migration from Cuba, Haiti, Nicaragua, and Venezuela has come down 97%.
 - Thanks to President Biden's leadership, we now have a **record number of personnel** working to **secure the border, arresting 8,000 human smugglers** and **seizing over 23,000 pounds of fentanyl** in just the last several months.
- President Biden has a proven track record of pragmatic, bipartisan leadership on issues that are critical to Texas and the well-being of Texas' working families: whether that be fixing our broken infrastructure, making Texas one of the world's foremost technological innovation hubs, or, today, stepping up

efforts at the country's southern border to further address the current elevated number of international migrants crossing illegally into Texas.

- As the President said, **our immigration system is broken.** That has been true for decades now, regardless of which party has held the White House. This most recent historic number of migrants – fleeing political oppression and gang violence in Venezuela, Haiti, Nicaragua, and Cuba – has nothing to do with the party in power in Washington.
- But, unlike Republicans, who just use this humanitarian crisis as a fundraising tool or a way to demagogue and stoke racist fears, the Biden-Harris Administration and Texas Democrats know the buck stops with us and it's our responsibility to handle this problem – with our Party's trademark compassion, fairness, pragmatism, and competence.
- As President Biden said last month: **this is a hard one to deal with, but we have to deal with it.**
- The firsthand experience President Biden had last month seeing our border enforcement operations, as well as the conversations he had with our brave CBP personnel, have clearly helped inform Executive Branch actions to improve and streamline border operations.
- But, critically, we know what the President said last month still holds true: **these efforts will not fix the border problem completely.**
- We desperately need Republicans in Austin and in Congress to finally put partisan politics aside and work with us in good faith to fix our broken immigration system.
- For context: President Biden's visit to El Paso came after **Republicans rejected the Biden-Harris Administration's requests of an additional \$3.5 billion to secure the border, funds for 2,000 new asylum officers and 100 new immigration judges.**
- That failure to pass and fund a comprehensive plan has increased the challenges that we're seeing at our southwest border.
- Republicans could either keep using immigration to score political points, or can come together to fix the broken system.

- Immigration reform is broadly supported – by labor unions, religious leaders etc. It is the economically smart thing to do.

Local Crime

- Texas Democrats care deeply about keeping our state's families and communities safe. Democratic law enforcement leaders across the state are working hard each day to fight crime and make our cities and towns safe places that all families call home.
- **Texas Democrats have one priority above all else: making our state a place where all Texans can prosper, lead a better life, and safely raise a family.**
- Though we're disappointed not one single Texas Republican voted for it, we're thrilled that the Biden-Harris Administration's and Texas Democrats' American Rescue Plan Act was able to provide **\$350 billion for cities, states, counties, and tribes to use to hire more police officers and invest in proven strategies** like community violence intervention, youth programming, and other supportive services.
- In addition, **we commend President Biden for fighting for a doubling in funding for effective community policing** through the Community Oriented Policing Services Hiring Program.
- In addition, his proposed budget increased support for the United States Marshals and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, so they can apprehend fugitives and fight illegal gun trafficking.

Combatting Fentanyl Trafficking

- Fentanyl is killing more than 70,000 Americans a year, including countless Texans.
- As President Biden said in his State of the Union address last week, **we need to launch a major surge to stop fentanyl production, sale, and trafficking**, with more drug detection machines to inspect cargo and stop pills and powder at the border.
- That also includes working with couriers like FedEx to inspect more packages for drugs and instituting strong penalties to crack down on fentanyl

trafficking.

- We as Texas Democrats will work with anyone willing to work with us to combat the proliferation of fentanyl into our communities – and we'll do it without ceding any credence to **bad-faith partisan political stunts** or **taxpayer-funded boondoggles**.

OTHER MISSING ITEMS

Gun Violence Prevention in Texas

- Sutherland Springs. Santa Fe. Midland-Odessa. El Paso. Uvalde.
- And just Wednesday night, once again, El Paso.
- From gun violence ravaging our big cities, to mass shootings tearing apart countless Texas communities – it's clear that **real action is needed in our state** to prevent gun violence from continuing to take lives and decimate families.
- Sadly, Greg Abbott, Dan Patrick, Ken Paxton, and their fellow Republicans have shown that they are more interested in **keeping their NRA donors happy** than ensuring Texans are safe.
- Parents shouldn't have to worry that when they hug their child goodbye, that hug may be their last. Parents shouldn't be relieved that the school year is over because they know their kids aren't safe there. It's no wonder that after the Uvalde shooting, polling found that **72% of parents with school-age children said they were concerned about gun violence at schools**.
- Students, teachers, advocates and Democratic Legislators have been begging Greg Abbott and Republican lawmakers for common sense gun control for years.
 - **Last summer, the Uvalde school board and city council both unanimously voted to urge Governor Abbott to call a special legislative session to address gun violence** – in particular, to raise the minimum age to purchase an assault rifle in Texas from 18 to 21. **He didn't listen.**
- But raising the age to buy an assault rifle from 18 to 21 in the State of Texas is the absolute bare minimum we can do to bring some semblance of legislative

justice after the horror at Robb Elementary.

- So many institutional failures led to the tragedy that occurred at Robb Elementary. We know that our state's dangerous gun laws and the negligent response from law enforcement are to blame.
- But **this tragedy was also a result of the heartless action of Texas Republicans, who have actually *expanded* access to guns in recent years.** Last legislative session, Texas Republicans passed a law allowing permitless carry of firearms in our state. In the year since then, firearm deaths have skyrocketed in Texas. Greg Abbott and Texas Republicans claim this is a "mental health issue" – yet **they cut \$211 million in mental healthcare funding this year alone.**
- It's long past time for Governor Abbott to **finally show some political courage** and enact common-sense gun safety legislation in Texas – so parents don't have to worry every morning just sending their kids to school.
- From our inner cities to small towns – from crimes involving handguns to assault rifles – **Democrats won't stop fighting to deliver safety and peace of mind to all Texas families.**

Expanding Medicaid and Making Healthcare Affordable to All Texans

- Texas **leads the nation in residents without health insurance**, but Governor Abbott still won't support the expansion of Medicaid coverage.
- That's why Texas Democrats worked with The White House to expand the Affordable Care Act to lower healthcare premiums for 13 million people.
- But the work is far from finished.
- In our SOTS response video, we featured a San Antonio-area mother named Lisa, whose 22-year-old son Christopher was born severely disabled, legally blind, and has a lifelong cancer syndrome.
 - There was no possible way the family could afford the healthcare he needed – and many of his surgeries were so specialized that there was too much red tape to be able to consistently rely on his father's insurance.

- His number finally came up a few years ago after 11 years on the Medicaid waiver waitlist and dozens of surgeries.
- The waitlist for pediatric disabled Texans to get a Medicaid waiver is now up to **26 years...** simply because Governor Abbott and Texas Republicans refuse to do the right thing and **finally expand Medicaid.**
- Many of these kids won't get services until they're 30 years old. Many will die before they get to that point.
- It's time for Governor Abbott to do what's right – and expand Medicaid. **We need to finally make healthcare in Texas accessible to all Texans.**

Abortion Access

- No child or adult should be forced to carry a pregnancy to term against their will. By supporting the overturning of *Roe v. Wade* and enacting legislation like the “trigger” law, Greg Abbott and Texas Republicans have made it clear they are hell-bent on doing just that.
- We're living through a sad moment in Texas – one in which a young teenager who unexpectedly becomes pregnant either has to drive or fly hundreds of miles to another state for abortion care, or otherwise be forced to endure a pregnancy she does not want. This is impacting poor people and people of color the hardest – and women will die as a result of this draconian ban.
- In this legislative session, **we will continue fighting Greg Abbott's draconian and brutal laws** imposing the will of a tiny minority on the entirety of our state.
- Extremist Republicans in Austin are finally able to see the poisoned fruit of their labor:
 - A state where a doctor can be criminally prosecuted with a life sentence in prison for providing care to their patients.
 - A state where everyone is living in constant fear that they may be the next ones whose lives are upended by an unwanted pregnancy or a tragic miscarriage.
 - A state where a teenage girl has to find the money, time, and support to travel hundreds of miles to another part of the country – just to seek life-saving healthcare after being raped by a family member.

- Forced birth – and draconian, medieval control over women’s bodies – has always been the goal. **Nothing about this is ‘pro-life.’ Nothing about this is compassionate.**

FEDERAL DEMOCRATIC ACHIEVEMENTS AND TDP SOTS VIDEO RESPONSE

Biden-Harris Administration + Texas Congressional Democrats

- Texas Democrats are working everyday in Washington for **sensible, bipartisan solutions to secure our border** and **honor our legacy** as a nation of laws and built by immigrants – including working with The White House to deploy **historic resources and support to our border communities** by reimbursing local governments and NGOs for migrant care, and investing in our ports of entry through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.
- It’s not just a secure border and fair immigration Texas Democrats are fighting for, though. Over the past two years, Texas House Democrats, working with the Biden-Harris Administration, have also **brought down costs for hard-working Texas families.**
- Texas Democrats and the Biden-Harris Administration **rescued the economy** and **changed the course of the COVID-19 pandemic** that killed untold numbers of Texans.
- They enacted the **first meaningful federal gun violence reduction legislation in decades**, and passed the most ambitious legislation to **combat climate change** in our country’s history.
- They’ve made historic, once-in-a-generation **bipartisan investments in Texas infrastructure**, increasing access to **affordable broadband** – and passed legislation to finally give **Texas veterans** exposed to toxins and burn pits the healthcare they obviously deserve.
- Texas Democrats and the Biden-Harris Administration have also made great progress toward making healthcare affordable.
 - Texas **leads the nation in residents without health insurance**, but Governor Abbott still won’t support the expansion of Medicaid coverage.

- That's why Texas Democrats worked with The White House to **expand the Affordable Care Act to lower healthcare premiums** for 13 million people.
- Texas Democrats proudly worked with President Biden to **lower prescription drug costs, make vaccines free** and **cap the monthly cost of insulin at \$35 for senior citizens and disabled Texans on Medicare.**
- Together, they **brought our country's unemployment rate to the lowest it's been in 50 years** and helped create **hundreds of thousands of good-paying American jobs**, including in Texas.
- And now, with Republicans in control of the House, Texas Democrats – including new Members like Jasmine Crockett and Greg Casar – going to fight everyday to make sure that House Republicans' **political stunts** and **bad-faith governance** don't get in the way of the real work being done to make life better, for all Texans.
- Because we know there's so much more we urgently need to do in Congress for everyone who calls our great state home, and **Texas Democrats are ready to go toe-to-toe with dysfunctional, right-wing extremists.**

SOTS Video Response

- Texas Democrats responded to Governor Abbott's State of the State address, directly following his remarks.
- In our Democratic response, we've featured a diverse group of everyday Texans – along with local, state, and federal elected Democratic officials -- discussing how Governor Abbott and Texas Republicans are standing in the way of the well-being of all Texans -- and how Texas Democrats are fighting back, whether it be in Washington, Austin, or in cities and towns across Texas.
- Specifically, Texas Democrats called for policy items including (but not limited to):
 - Implementing real **gun safety legislation** in the 88th Texas Legislature
 - Finally making **desperately-needed fixes to our state's electric grid**
 - **Vigorously opposing Republicans' private school vouchers program**, which would further gut public education across Texas
 - **Expanding Medicaid** in Texas

- Fighting against Republicans' senseless and unnecessary assaults on **the rights and freedoms of LGBTQ+ Texans**
 - In addition, our ten-minute response highlighted accomplishments by the Biden-Harris Administration and Texas Democrats across various levels of government, including (but not limited to):
 - Working to **secure our border** and **combat crime** in Texas cities
 - Making historic **investments in Texas infrastructure**
 - Ensuring **healthcare is more accessible** to all Texans, including capping the monthly cost of insulin at \$35 for senior citizens and disabled Texans on Medicare
 - Standing up for **Texas small businesses**
 - Giving **veterans** exposed to toxins and burn pits the healthcare they obviously deserve
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- Los demócratas de Texas esperan ansiosamente para responder a la memoria y cuenta del Gobernador Abbott luego de su transmisión en **Nexstar televisión el Jueves 16 de febrero a las 7 PM CT.** (*Encuentre su estación local de Nexstar [aquí](#)*).
- La respuesta Demócrata contará con un grupo diverso de Texanos – junto con servidores demócratas electos a cargos locales, estatales, y federales – los cuales discutirán cómo el Gobernador Abbott y los Republicanos de Texas están impidiendo el paso hacia la mejora de calidad de vida para todos los Texanos – y como los demócratas de Texas planean responder desde Austin, Washington, o en pueblos y ciudades en toda Texas.
- Específicamente, los Demócratas de Texas exigirán propuestas que incluyen, entre otras:
 - La implementación de una **verdadera ley de control de armas** en la Legislación de Texas durante esta sesión
 - Finalmente **arreglar el sistema eléctrico** de nuestro estado
 - **Dener el programa de vales escolares para escuelas privadas** de los Republicanos el cual sería dañino para la educación pública en Texas
 - **Expandir Medicaid** en Texas
 - Luchar contra los crueles e innecesarios ataques de los republicanos hacia los **derechos y libertades de la comunidad LGBTQ+ en Texas**

- Adicionalmente, nuestra respuesta destacará los logros de la administración Biden-Harris y de los Demócratas de Texas en diferentes niveles de gobierno, como por ejemplo:
 - Los esfuerzos por **asegurar la frontera** y **combatir el crimen** en las ciudades de Texas
 - Hacer **inversiones históricas en la infraestructura de Texas**
 - Asegurar que **el cuidado de salud sea más accesible** para todos los tejanos, incluyendo limitar el costo mensual de la insulina a \$35 para mayores de edad y personas con discapacidades afiliadas a Medicare
 - Respaldo a **los negocios pequeños** de Texas
 - Darle a nuestros **veteranos expuestos a toxinas** la atención médica que se merecen por su devoción a la patria

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