

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact:

Todd-Hill Jones

(202) 590-0635

todd@stonewalldemocratsofdallas.org

**DALLAS DEMOCRATS AND STONEWALL DEMOCRATS
OF DALLAS STAND WITH TRANS TEXANS**



DALLAS, TX (April 19, 2021) — The Dallas County Democratic Party and the Stonewall Democrats of Dallas today issue a joint statement in support of transgender and non-binary Texans and their families. Further, we condemn the hateful legislative attacks on transgender youth that participate in sports, and who need gender-affirming and life-saving healthcare to live their truth.

“Anti-trans legislation in the Texas Legislature only further stigmatizes trans and non-binary youth, many of whom already face an increase in rates of anxiety, depression, and bullying,” said Joanna Cattanch, Dallas County Democratic Party Development Director. “The negative effect these hearings have on children and their families--many of whom testify in person--is unnecessary, harmful, and is sadly repeated session after session.”

The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) last week issued a statement indicating it would not hold tournaments in states like Texas that choose to discriminate against trans athletes.

“These hateful bills mean millions in potential business loss to the state. It is bad lawmaking, and amounts to nothing more than adults bullying trans children on taxpayer time,” said Cattanch.

Equality Texas estimates that more than 30 separate pieces of legislation are making their way through committees in both the House and the Senate this session which are classified as anti-LGBTQ.

“Texas currently leads the nation in anti-LGBTQ+ legislation this session. The assault on LGBTQ+ people, particularly transgender and non-binary Texans, is historic”, said Todd Hill-Jones, President of Stonewall Dallas. “Now more than ever we need allies to our community to step up, speak up, and work together with us to prevent Texas Republicans from further codifying hate and discrimination into law.”

The Stonewall Democrats of Dallas was founded in 1996 by local activists. Our membership numbers in the hundreds including former and current elected officials. We are one of the largest political organizations in Dallas County and one of the largest chapters of Stonewall Democrats in the United States.

###

