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**STONEWALL DALLAS DENOUNCES SIGNING  
OF HATEFUL ANTI-TRANSGENDER BILL**



**DALLAS, TX (Oct 25, 2021)** — Stonewall Democrats of Dallas wishes to express our appreciation for the courageous legislators and advocacy organizations who stood firmly against HB 25. The bill, which Greg Abbott signed today, is nothing more than a hateful attack on transgender student athletes and their families, and the rhetoric around it is full of lies about transgender athletes having an unfair advantage in school sports, which is a claim that is patently untrue. Furthermore, this bill does immeasurable psychological damage to transgender youth. In short, it's simply hateful.

“Many of us, including our legislators and advocacy groups in particular, put up a valiant fight for almost a year to push back on this bigotry and hatefulness by Republican lawmakers,” said Todd Hill-Jones, President of Stonewall Democrats of Dallas. “This legislation is one of many ways that Republicans continue to use the transgender community as a wedge issue to win political points for their base as we enter an important election cycle next year. It’s disgusting and shameful.”

Stonewall Democrats of Dallas denounces the anti-transgender legislation and others like it around the United States. The Republican Party’s obsession with inflicting pain upon young transgender and queer youth is reprehensible. No evidence whatsoever exists demonstrating that transgender student athletes have a biological advantage in sports. In Texas, y’all means all, and we will continue to stand and fight for equality for the LGBTQ+ community under the law.

*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.*

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