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**STONEWALL DALLAS DEMANDS THE TEXAS GOP  
STOP BULLYING TRANSGENDER TEXANS**



**DALLAS, TX (Feb 24, 2022)** —This week, not to be outdone by crooked Ken Paxton, Greg Abbott ordered the state’s Department of Family and Protective Services to investigate gender-affirming care. They falsely claim such care is “child abuse.” Stonewall Democrats of Dallas stands with the transgender community to denounce Abbott’s actions. We demand that Republicans end their bullying campaign in Texas against trans youth and their families.

“Republicans fake a good game about limited government intervention in our lives, but when it comes to women’s reproductive health care or gender-affirming care, they legislate and interfere to their hearts’ content,” said Todd Hill, President of Stonewall Democrats of Dallas. “It’s important to know that Paxton’s opinion and Abbott’s order are 100% non-binding. However, it is based on ignorance and hate as well as political ambition, and it’s absolutely shameful. Stonewall Dallas calls on Greg Abbott and his Republican extremists to stop bullying trans youth in Texas!”

There is gross confusion about what constitutes “child abuse.” It is false that gender-affirming care meets the legal definition of child abuse. Indeed, parents are abusive when they fail to provide gender-affirming health care, just as if they fail to provide any other type of healthcare necessary to the well-being of their children.

We encourage supporters of the LGBTQ+ community, and those who are supportive of trans rights and equality, to call Greg Abbott at (512) 463-1782 or to send him a note at [bit.ly/contactabbott](https://bit.ly/contactabbott) to demand that he immediately **STOP** bullying the trans community.

*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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