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### **Women in the Texas Capitol Community Deserve Better *Royce Brooks says, "Enough is enough."***

(AUSTIN, TX) - Annie's List, the statewide political organization that works to elect pro-choice, progressive women to office in Texas, releases the following statement by Royce Brooks, Executive Director, in response to recent sexual assault allegations at the state legislature.

"Over the weekend, the Texas Capitol community learned of allegations of harm against a female staffer. My heart is with her and with the women who work in and around our state legislature. Women who are risking their personal safety just by doing their jobs," said **Royce Brooks, Annie's List Executive Director**.

"As a sexual assault survivor and a former Capitol Hill staffer, I know that assault and harassment are nothing new within halls of power. The rampant culture of impunity and entitlement by dangerous men and their enablers must end. Enough is enough," Brooks said.

"I also know that we as women can't fix the toxic culture of the Texas Capitol by ourselves. Men have to finally step up and actively work to hold each other accountable. But what we can do, and what Annie's List will continue to do, is elect progressive women legislators who will advocate for women to be at **all levels** of decision-making power within our legislative process. As elected officials, committee chairs, staffers, and as lobbyists and advocates."



Annie's List has won more than 160 races across the state - making it one of the most successful political organizations in Texas. Since its founding in 2003, Annie's List has raised more than \$20 million to help progressive women run efficient and effective campaigns.

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