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Women Lawmakers Take the Lead in White House Meeting on Voting Rights

Austin, TX - Today, Wednesday, June 16, 2021, Vice President Kamala Harris hosted Texas Lawmakers at the White House for a meeting centered on voting rights legislation in Texas. These lawmakers are responsible for staging a walkout in the final days of the Legislative Session and successfully blocking Republican Sponsored Senate Bill 7. Senate Bill 7 would have brought sweeping changes to voting laws in Texas which Democrats have deemed an effort by Republicans to drive voter suppression. Six of the ten legislators who participated in the White House meeting are women and have been credited with leading the charge against Republican efforts.

"We didn't just see women stand up, they locked arms and they pushed forward as Republicans attempted to shut them down. The majority of legislators who were invited to the White House were women and that's because Vice President Harris knows a powerful woman when she sees one" said Royce Brooks, Executive Director of Annie's List.

"When I spoke out against Republican attempts to limit our right to vote, my Republican counterparts attempted to silence me not once, but twice. Let me be clear, we can not and will not be silenced" said Rep. Nicole Collier, Chair of the Texas Legislative Black Caucus.

"Senate Bill 7 was a direct attack on African-American, Hispanic, elderly and disabled voters in my district and around the state. I am proud to be on the frontlines of the fight to protect voting rights for all Texans. I am especially proud of the strong Texas women who are fighting for equal access to the ballot box" said Sen. Beverly Powell.

"SB7 was an assault on our Democracy and on voters of color in Harris County and across Texas. We took our fight to Washington and this egregious bill will be challenged in the courts" said Sen. Carol Alvarado.

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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.