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PRESS RELEASE: Texas Senator Carol Alvarado Filibusters Voter Suppression Legislation

Austin, TX - Today, Senator Carol Alvarado stood on the floor of the Texas Senate for 15 hours to filibuster Senate Bill 1 which, among several suppressive measures, would expand the ability of partisan poll watchers to observe and intimidate voters as they cast their ballots, make it more difficult to vote by mail, create further barriers for seniors and disabled Texas voters to access a ballot box, and ban accessible voting methods like drive-thru voting and 24-hour voting. Throughout this year's regular and special legislative sessions, Texas women lawmakers have been at the forefront of the fight for voting rights. Senator Carol Alvarado's efforts to defend the right to vote mirror that of her Texas House colleagues, like Chairwoman Nicole Collier and Representative Senfronia Thompson who testified before Congress last month on behalf of Texas voters.

"Senator Alvarado embodied courage and tenacity – against all odds and for all Texans – when she filibustered this law that would rob Texas voters of their voices," said Royce Brooks, Executive Director of Annie's List.

"Senator Alvarado's fearlessness in the fight for democracy will be etched into our State's history as a moment that all Texas women can be proud of." said Royce Brooks, Executive Director of Annie's List.

"Texas women continue to lead the way in the fight against voter suppression. The filibuster by Senator Alvarado further proves how critical it is that every eligible Texas voter has equal access to voting and making their voices heard." said Royce Brooks, Executive Director of Annie's List.

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