

TEXAS WATCH

89TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION HIGHLIGHTS



Ware Wendell
Executive Director

The Texas Watch team fought like never before at the Texas Capitol, achieving the **most successful session in our history**. We advocated nearly 60 times on bills. Texans heard our message of safety, justice, and accountability like never before, and we engaged thousands of citizens in the fight for their rights. We **helped pass consequential legislation** that will make a real difference for policyholders and patients. Most importantly, we helped **beat back corporate lobbyists** bent on more tort “reform” that would have gutted Texans’ rights. We are proud to be a part of the coalition that **held the line for Texas families**. It was a true team effort.



Christian Benavides
Digital Content Director

Building on progress from last session, our **top priorities on offense** were improving policyholders’ rights and patient safety. SB 458 will establish timelines for insurance appraisals so insurance companies can no longer game the process. HB 923 will include public members and an attorney with experience representing patients on the state panel that develops informed consent language. These important bills will help save money and lives.

On defense, we fought SB 30 & HB 4806, radical legislation that would have capped noneconomic damages and prevented injured Texans from receiving the medical care they need. The trucking lobby attempted to keep evidence of corporate wrongdoing from the jury, and we helped to beat back SB 39 & HB 4688. Corporate lobbyists tried again to eviscerate centuries of public nuisance law, and we opposed SB 779 & HB 3964 in order to protect land, air, water, and life in our state. **Texas Watch was built for these fights, and we will always stand for what is right to protect the 7th Amendment.**



Amber George
Development &
Operations Coordinator

57 Texas Watch took action on legislation 57 times this session, fighting for safety reforms and against tort “reforms.”

We produced 49 videos to educate and engage the public. We also focused our videos on lawmakers in their districts and at the Capitol so they heard our message loud and clear on the bills that mattered most.

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Peyton Hays
2025 Legislative Intern

47M Across all of our social media platforms, our content was seen by Texans over 47 million times, a new record for our organization.

We facilitated over 12,000 constituent letters to lawmakers, putting “people pressure” on the Capitol. You can view all of our legislative issue campaigns at texaswatch.org/act.

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ENGAGING THE PUBLIC



IN THE FIGHT FOR THEIR RIGHTS



HARD-HITTING ADVOCACY

We took action 57 times on bills, bringing our policy expertise to bear on major legislation. To watch our testimony, please scan the QR code.



IN THE NEWS

We deliver our message of safety, accountability, and justice through both the traditional media and social media.

This session, we were featured in top media outlets across the state on a range of important issues, including the *Texas Tribune*, *Houston Chronicle*, *KXAN Austin*, *Fox 4 KDFW*, *ABC 13 Houston*, *NBC 5 DFW*, *KUT*, *CBS Austin*, *KVUE*, and the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*.

ACTIVISM

We mobilized thousands of citizen activists to make their voices heard and brought Texans to the Capitol to share compelling stories of corporate wrongdoing and insurance abuse in committee. Our activists helped to make substantial changes to bad bills and propel good bills forward in the process.

GET INVOLVED

Our small team makes a big difference for Texas families, but we cannot do this without the support of warriors who believe in our cause. **Can you join us today as a monthly sustainer?** Please visit texaswatch.org/donate/monthly.

**PROTECT PATIENT ACCESS
AND OUR RIGHTS**

Oppose SB 30 & HB 4806

**WE NEED
SAFE ROADS**

Oppose SB 39 & HB 4688

**PROTECT
LOCAL COMMUNITIES**

Oppose SB 779 & HB 3964

**SAFE REPAIRS
SAVE LIVES**

Support SB 458

Learn more at texaswatch.org.