

SB 29 by Sen. Bob Hall threatens the ability of cities and local government entities to represent their citizens in the Legislature, making it easier for the state to seize local control and reduce the options local entities have to address local problems. We need you to call your legislators and let them know to OPPOSE SB 29!

What Can I Do?

- Call your lawmaker AND members of House Calendars. Legislators need to understand how this bill can impact you, your family, and your neighborhood. Use the talking points below as a guide for your conversation.
- Engage your friends, neighbors, and colleagues to contact their representatives in the Legislature. We need everyone's help!
- E-mail your legislator

Talking Points

- SB29 will restrict my city from being able to send representation to the legislature to advocate for the protection of my family and my home.
- This session, cities all around the state pooled their resources to protect my family from short-term rental abuse. Without these city resources, I feel that my family and my neighborhood's safety would have been severely impacted.
- I am sure that short-term rental issues will come up again – and I need the peace of mind to know that my local representation has the tools they need to represent me like they were elected to do.
- Vote NO on SB29, this bill will do nothing but silence the voice of your constituents who trust in their local representation to advocate in Austin.
- **Don't silence me or my city.**

FAQ

You may be asked the following question during your conversations - below is the best way to answer!

Question: Why are you opposed to this bill when it does not prohibit city lobbying against short term rentals, only taxes?

Answer: Any bill regarding short-term rentals can be drafted to include provisions regarding hotel occupancy taxes in order to make it applicable to this bill. As a matter of fact, the bill filed this session (HB3778) did contain a provision regarding hotel occupancy taxes. (SECTION 2, Section 156.151, Tax Code)

Note: based on your work and calling, we kept HB3778 from moving forward.

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