

CIVIC ADVOCACY LETTER

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Texas State Representative / State Senator

Texas State Legislature · P.O. Box 12068, Austin, TX 78711

LETTER TO STATE LEGISLATOR



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RE: Protect Public Access Media in Houston — Community Advocacy

Dear Representative,

I am writing to bring to your attention the threat facing Houston Media Source, a nonprofit public access television and radio organization that has served Houston residents for over 40 years. As the City of Houston evaluates decisions about HMS's operational future, I ask for your awareness, your voice, and your advocacy in support of this community institution.

Public access media is a cornerstone of free expression at the local level. It represents the First Amendment in practice — giving ordinary citizens a platform to speak, organize, and participate in civic life without relying on commercial gatekeepers. Texas has always valued open communication, community self-determination, and the right of citizens to be heard. Houston Media Source has embodied those values for four decades.

As my state representative, I respectfully ask that you make your support for Houston Media Source known to city leadership, and that you consider the broader principle at stake: whether public media infrastructure — built by community members over generations — deserves the same protection we give to roads, parks, and public libraries. The civic voice of Houston depends on it. I thank you for your consideration and service.

Sincerely,

Full Legal Name

Address & ZIP Code

Phone or Email

Signature

Date

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