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Senator Garcia files bills to Protect Rights of All Texans

AUSTIN, TX Yesterday, Senator Sylvia Garcia (D-Houston) filed legislation that will ensure that Texas is an inclusive state that works for all people, regardless of gender identity. "All Texans want to go to the bathroom in peace, including transgender people."

"We need to focus on classrooms not bathrooms. The Texas Legislature should focus on growing our economy, not political grandstanding that will kill jobs and cost our state billions." According to Chambers of Commerce from across the state and the Texas Association of Business, SB-6 like legislation could flush billions of dollars and tens of thousands of jobs down the toilet.

"Since the Governor and Lieutenant Governor insist that the legislature continue to focus on bathrooms, I feel it is important to file bills that solve the real problems, namely, transgender individuals being marginalized. This legislation will protect the freedoms of all Texans."

SB 65 would require certain governmental entities (including charter schools, political subdivisions, public hospitals, school districts, and state agencies) to allow individuals to use a public restroom or changing facility located in their designated area consistent to the individual's gender identity or gender expression.

SB 66, the Gender Marker bill, creates a state-wide consistent administrative process for Texans to change their birth certificates, and will reduce timely and costly legal bureaucracy along with the politicization of the judicial branch.

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State Senator Sylvia R. Garcia represents Senate District 6 and serves as Chair of the Texas Senate Hispanic Caucus