The North Texas Regional Chamber Coalition (RCC) thanks the members of the 86th Legislature for a successful session that focused on enhancing resources for public education, crafting a state budget that invests wisely in the areas critical to our continued success, and prioritized measures necessary to keep Texas the economic envy of the rest of the nation. The RCC is pleased to share this Accountability Index of the 86th Legislative Session to communicate with our members and other regional stakeholders as to how this critical legislative session concluded. We understand that serving in public office is not easy and often includes significant personal and professional sacrifices, and for that we thank the 50 State Representatives and Senators in our delegation for offering their service to Texas.

In addition to the thirteen issues included in this assessment, upholding current eminent domain laws was a priority of the RCC and we opposed Senate Bill 421 as filed. Through the committee and amendment process, the policy in this harmful bill was neutralized and ultimately died in conference. We thank the delegation efforts to thwart the bad policy as it was filed and for continued vigilance in preventing any future bills of like nature.

While we do appreciate the House and the Senate for continuing to protect local non-discrimination ordinances and for making improvements to Senate Bill 1978 before passing it into law, the RCC does continue to have concerns regarding the discriminatory nature and potentially harmful narrative toward the LGBTQ community. The RCC will continue to advocate for competitive pro-business legislation that makes Texas an attractive state for all, and we encourage our delegation members to take the same approach as they begin to prepare for the 87th Legislative Session.

The advancement of Texas’ high-speed rail initiative is critical for our sustained success as we continue to be one of the fastest growing states in the nation. The RCC would like to thank the members of the House and Senate for keeping harmful anti-high-speed rail bills from coming to a full floor vote, and we look forward to continued progress on this issue during the next session.

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• **HB 1** - Funding Texas growth and critical NTC priorities in the State Budget (HB 1 - Support, PG 3917)
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• **HB 2048** - Establishing a stable source of state funding for trauma and emergency health care systems (HB 2048 - Support, PG 1944)
• **SB 943** - Increasing access to public information w/o creating burdensome requirements on private businesses (SB 943 - Support, PG 2718)
• **SB 1978** - Infringing on Municipal Control for non-discriminatory policies (SB 1978 - Oppose, PG 3143)
While the RCC did not score the record votes on Senate Bill 29 because it was not specifically listed as a priority of the coalition entering the session, we would like to thank those members of the House and Senate who voted against the measure and chose to not limit cities and counties from hiring third-party lobbyists or from paying dues to organizations who do engage in lobby activities. We wish to recognize the following for voting against the measure: Sens. Johnson, Powell, West; Reps. Anchia, Beckley, Keith Bell, Bowers, Button, Collier, Yvonne Davis, Flynn, Jessica Gonzalez, Meza, Neave, Parker, Ramos, Romero, Rose, Sherman, Stucky, Chris Turner, and John Turner.

* Denotes when Rep. Goldman was leading House in Speaker’s Chair, Speaker does not vote

A - Absent
PNV - Present Not Voting
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