



## Please Support Senate Bill 6

which provides liability protection for physicians, health care providers, and health care facilities during the declared COVID-19 public health emergency.

The above organizations represent Texas' physicians, health care providers, and health care facilities, serving on the frontlines battling the devastating effects of COVID-19. They are dealing with a pathogen that currently has no cure and limited therapeutic options--putting themselves at risk while treating those in need. The challenges are difficult, deadly, myriad, and ongoing.

We urge your support of SB 6, which provides targeted and temporary liability protections for health care workers and facilities that make good faith efforts to provide appropriate medical care to known or suspected COVID-19 patients during the declared public health emergency.

COVID-19 is a year-long, ongoing emergency. The heightened liability protection found in SB 6 is similar to the standard that applies to emergency care and Good Samaritan law.

SB 6 does not provide blanket immunity. It does not protect bad actors who are reckless, or who engage in intentional, willful, or wanton misconduct. It does not prevent an aggrieved family from filing suit. Defendants must prove that the pandemic actually caused the incident for which they are being sued.

The granting of limited liability protection acknowledges the dangerous environment, their unique circumstances, and the severe constraints health care workers face while confronting a new and unusually complex disease.

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