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To teachers, facilitators, and other professionals who work with youth in Texas,

Thank you for using our materials and being a part of the UN|HUSHED community. We want to take a moment to address the opinion from the Texas Attorney General's office dated 2/18/22 and letter from Governor Abbott dated 2/22/22. We have been in conversation with lawyers, both local and national, and want to reassure you that this opinion and letter are in no way legally binding. Your reporting requirements have not changed.

You remain able to provide the same education, care, and support for the trans youth in your schools, groups, and personal life. If you or the youth and parents who you serve have questions, you may direct them to the following resources:

- ACLU Intake Complaint Form (<https://intake.aclutx.org>)
- ACLU What to do if you're stopped by police, immigration agents or the FBI (https://www.aclu.org/sites/default/files/field_document/bustcard_eng_20100630.pdf)
- American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry Clinical Guidelines on Gender (https://www.aacap.org/AACAP/Member_Resources/SOGIIC/Clinical_Guidelines_Training_Providers_Professionals_Trainees.aspx#gender)
- Lambda Legal Help Desk (<https://www.lambdalegal.org/helpdesk>)
- Texas Association of School Boards Statement on Legal Issues Related to Transgender Students (https://www.tasb.org/services/legal-services/tasb-school-law-esource/students/documents/legal_issues_related_to_transgender_students.pdf)

What we have heard, overwhelmingly, from the legal and organizational professionals over the last few days is that trans Texas youth and the adults who love and support them have a nation of people standing behind them. You are not alone—and the youth who you love are not alone.

Please reach out if you have questions or concerns about the curriculum you are teaching (even if it is not UN|HUSHED materials) or if you need connections for yourself or families in your care. We stand with you.

Thank you for all of the work that you do.



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