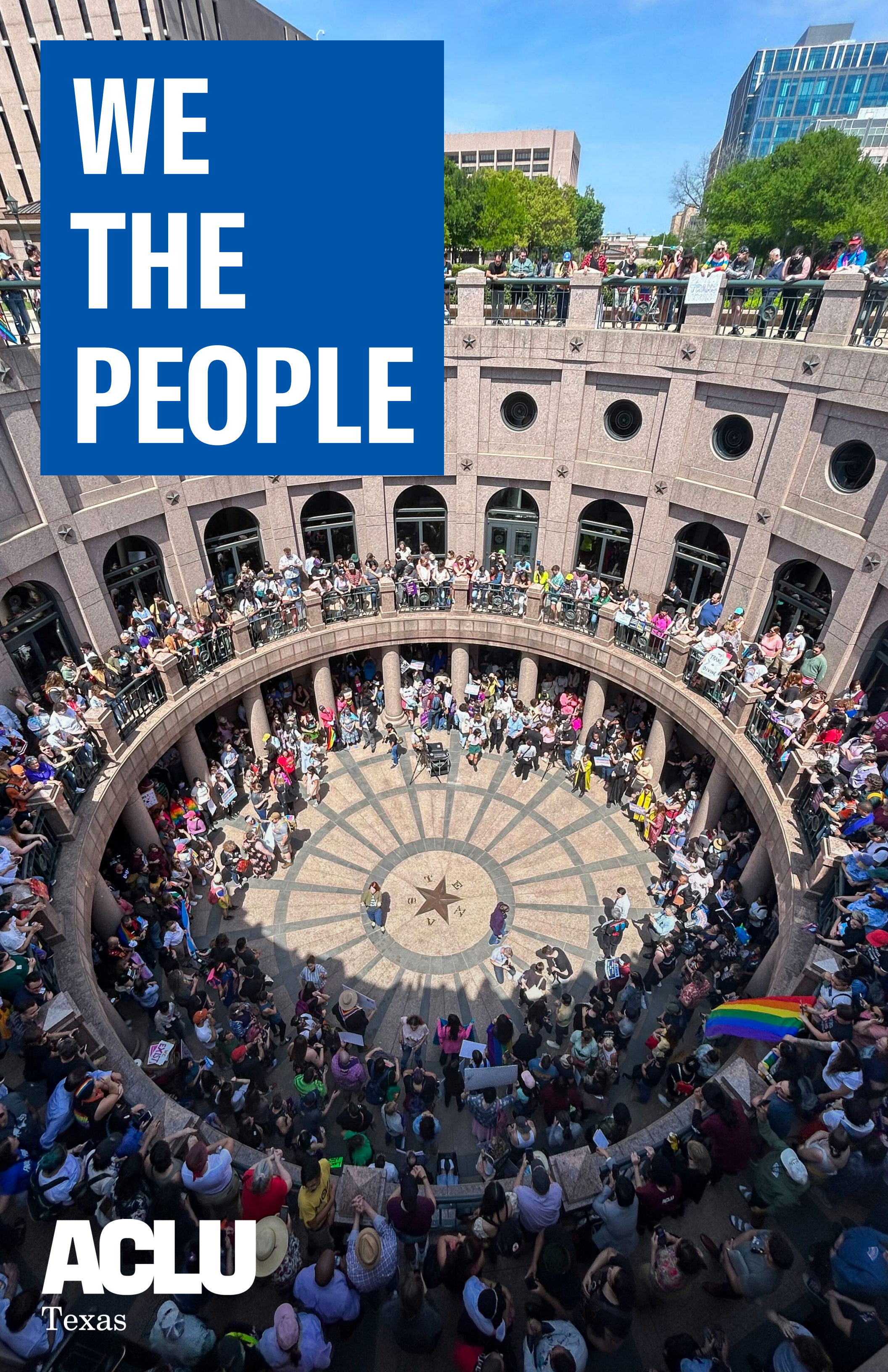


# WE THE PEOPLE



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Texas



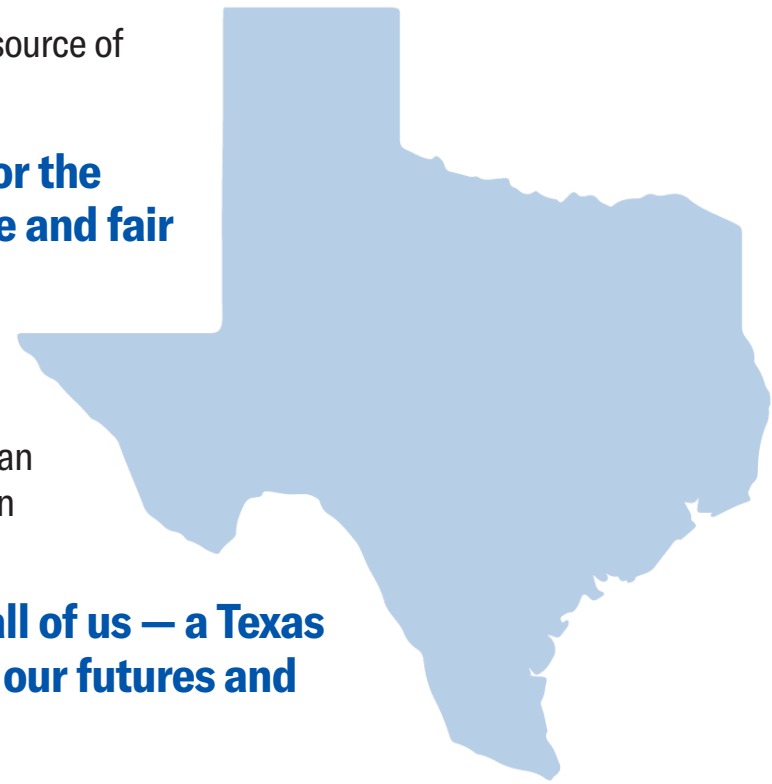
There's no place like Texas. Our unique mixture of people, places, and cultures is a source of pride and hope.

**No matter the color of our skin, the amount of money we make, or the languages we speak, Texans know our worth. We are worth a free and fair state that respects our rights, especially for those of us who can't yet fully enjoy them.**

The American Civil Liberties Union of Texas works to make these rights available to everyone. Our nonprofit organization was founded in 1938, when we helped pecan shellers in San Antonio use free speech to improve their workplaces. We have been supporting Texans ever since.

**From Beaumont to El Paso, we believe in a Texas that works for all of us — a Texas where each person has an equal say in the decisions that shape our futures and where everyone can build a good life.**

We use different types of advocacy — in communities, at the State Capitol, and in the courts — to protect and expand our civil rights and individual liberties. Today and moving forward, we're working with people like you for:



### BORDER & IMMIGRANTS' RIGHTS



We envision a state that treats migrants with dignity. We're working to end Texas' unlawful immigration programs and ensure our border communities can thrive.

*Examples of our work:* We trained thousands of border residents and people seeking asylum about their constitutional rights. We also sued Texas officials for detaining four migrants for weeks after they were allowed to go free.

### FREE SPEECH



We envision a state that provides a good, fair public education without government censorship. Students and teachers should be able to go to school feeling like they can be themselves. We also support the right to protest and speak freely.

*Examples of our work:* In court, we blocked Texas lawmakers' ban on artistic expression like drag performance. We also launched a Students' Rights Hub to help Texans advocate for inclusive schools.

### LGBTQIA+ EQUALITY



We envision a state that welcomes all people regardless of our gender identities or sexual orientations. LGBTQIA+ Texans should have the same rights and protections as everyone else.

*Examples of our work:* We helped stop Texas lawmakers from passing more than 130 anti-LGBTQIA+ laws. We also sued Texas for banning life-saving medical care for transgender youth.

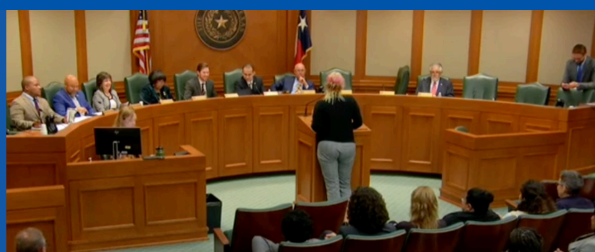
### REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM



We envision a state where every Texan has access to necessary health care, including abortion and the right to decide if, when, and how to raise a healthy family.

*Examples of our work:* We launched the Texas Abortion Advocacy Network to train hundreds of local community members to support reproductive rights across our state.

### SMART JUSTICE



We envision a state that no longer jails more people than anywhere else in the country. We're working to end racism in the justice system and ensure it's fair for everyone.

*Examples of our work:* We successfully advocated for a statewide text message program that reminds people of upcoming court dates to lower unnecessary arrests. We also helped a trans woman change the Texas Department of Criminal Justice's discriminatory hair policy.

### VOTING RIGHTS



We envision a state where it's simple for all eligible Texans to register, vote, and have our votes count equally.

*Examples of our work:* When Texas lawmakers tried to make it harder for Texans of color and Texans with disabilities to vote, we opposed their efforts in court. We also trained hundreds of volunteers across the state to answer voters' questions at polling locations.

## SNAPSHOT: 2023 BY THE NUMBERS

**TRAINED VOLUNTEERS AND LEGAL OBSERVERS: 350+**  
**LEGISLATIVE ACTION: 70+ TESTIMONIES; 85+ LEGAL LETTERS; 14 PRESS STATEMENTS**  
**LEGAL INTAKE REVIEWS: 7,000+**  
**PUBLIC INFORMATION REQUESTS: 300+**

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