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**From:** Spring Branch Speaks <updates@springbranchspeaks.com>  
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**To:**  
**Subject:** SBS URGENT CALL TO ACTION: Contact Gov. and Lt. Gov. DAILY about supporting HB5

## Spring Branch Speaks

### ... to make our voices heard in Austin.

Dear *Spring Branch Speaks* Member:

**URGENT: The Senate will not schedule debate on testing bills due to powerful lobbying by big businesses who profit from testing. We MUST implore Governor Perry & Lt. Governor Dewhurst - THIS MEANS CALL THEM EVERY DAY - until HB 5 is voted on in the Senate and signed by the Governor.**

Your voices supported the passing of HB 5 in the House last week - thank you! But a small number of big businesses, including the testing company Pearson, are lobbying heavily for adding more tests beyond the five required for graduation from House Bill 5. Our leadership must hear AGAIN and AGAIN that parents want HB 5 to come to a vote on the Senate floor as it is, with 5 EOCs, and ultimately be sent to the Governor for signature. Every day of delay introduces more business lobbying and uncertainty into the process.

***This is a pivotal point in the fight to fix the testing system; Don't let the business lobby be the only voices heard.***

#### **1 - CONTACT Governor Perry DAILY & tell him:**

- Parents, his constituents, demand testing reform now.
- Parents will accept NO MORE THAN FIVE tests for any purpose.
- Share your personal stories about testing, especially about your student testing this year.
- Texas schools need enriched curriculum & not multiple state standardized tests.

(512) 463-2000 or <http://governor.state.tx.us/contact/>

#### **2 - CONTACT Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst DAILY:**

- Ask him to put HB 5 on the Senate calendar for a floor vote.
- Tell him parents will accept NO MORE THAN FIVE tests for any purpose.

(512) 463-0001 or <http://www.ltgov.state.tx.us/contact.php>

**Please make these calls today** to show our leaders that parents are committed to our children's education, and are watching this debate closely. **And take the few**

**minutes to do this every day** until the Senate hears HB5.  
Thank you for your passion for Texas students and public education.

Sincerely,

Spring Branch Speaks



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