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**Texas LGBTQ Caucus Issues Statement on Attorney General Paxton  
Using Pandemic to Attack LGBTQ Texans**

(TEXAS) — Last week, Attorney General Paxton sent a letter to the City of Austin and Travis County regarding their local orders in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and used that opportunity to undermine basic protections for the LGBTQ community. In response, the Texas House LGBTQ Caucus issued the following statement:

“We’re disappointed that Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton has taken advantage of the COVID-19 pandemic to attack the LGBTQ community once again by raising issues with standard nondiscrimination provisions in local county public health orders. It is disappointing to see a state official—who is elected to represent all Texans—use a crisis to target vulnerable community members. LGBTQ Texans, just like everyone else, are doing their part and taking precautions to keep themselves and their communities safe in this challenging time. They don’t deserve to be targeted or singled out by Attorney General Paxton.

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