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## **TSTA: Legislature must provide virtual testimony option for all committee hearings**

Texas State Teachers Association President Ovidia Molina released the following statement:

As the Texas Legislature prepares to convene during a deadly pandemic, the Texas State Teachers Association calls on legislators to provide an option for virtual testimony for all committee hearings. The lawmaking process must remain accessible to all members of the public, including those who need or prefer the safety of participating remotely.

Legislators must remember as they write their rules for the session that, even during a health crisis, true democracy requires public participation, with people of all viewpoints sharing their perspectives on issues and proposed laws. No one should have to risk his or her health and safety to be heard.