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## Statement from Texas Business Leadership Council President Justin Yancy on the Convening of the 87<sup>th</sup> Legislature

AUSTIN -- As the 87<sup>th</sup> Legislature convenes today, the TBLC is optimistic that lawmakers will hold the line on past successes – namely those implemented and working as a part of the 86<sup>th</sup> Legislature’s “HB 3” legislation – and promote new ideas that will accelerate our state’s economic recovery.

TBLC President Justin Yancy said, “We look forward to the respectful debate and the creation of pro-Texas policies which will let all Texans take full advantage of eventual post COVID-19 economic conditions stacked in our state’s favor. Further, we must celebrate this day and what it means for the American democratic process; lawfully elected representatives leaving their families, friends, and livelihoods to do the work of the people who sent them to Austin. It is a moment that may have been taken for granted but, as a result of recent events, it is more important than ever to reflect on why our process is powerful and revolutionary – valuing tolerance, patience, respect, and discourse over intimidation and violence.”

The TBLC will continue advocating for the critical issues that our state must address for Texas to continue growing in a strategic way. Those issues include education and workforce, economic development, state infrastructure, and cybersecurity policy. The TBLC commends the leadership of Governor Greg Abbott, Lt. Governor Dan Patrick, and presumptive Speaker Dade Phelan and looks forward to working with their offices — and both chambers — for a successful legislative session.

To see a full list of the Texas Business Leadership’s policy priorities, see our “[2021 Legislative Priorities](#).”

To schedule an interview with Mr. Yancy you can contact Mike Joyce at [mjoyce@txblc.org](mailto:mjoyce@txblc.org) or by calling 804-536-667.

*The Texas Business Leadership Council is a network of Texas based CEOs and senior business executives who advance a long-term vision of a prosperous Texas in a globally competitive business environment. [Justin Yancy](#) is the President of the Texas Business Leadership Council.*

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