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Chairman Martinez Fischer launches effort to take back the Texas House with \$100,000 contribution

Senior Democrat responds to Bonnen's bullying tactics and threats of retaliation—Deal me in

San Antonio, Texas — Texas State Representative Trey Martinez Fischer announced the launch of his leadership PAC, [One Texas](#), a statewide effort to help Democrats take back the Texas House of Representatives. He has committed to matching the first \$100,000 raised.

Rep. Martinez Fischer, a senior Democrat from San Antonio and Chairman of the House Committee on Business & Industry, raised more than \$100,000 during the 2018 election cycle to help elect a dozen Democrats, defeating Republican incumbents and drawing the ire of House Speaker Dennis Bonnen. In the now infamous Empower Texas recording, Speaker Bonnen specifically targeted Rep. Martinez Fischer with threats of retaliation for helping elect more Democrats to the Texas House of Representatives.

Chairman Martinez Fischer issued the following statement:

“Where I come from, you stand up to bullies. Speaker Bonnen’s failed retaliation effort was a sign of weakness and political insecurity. I read the same polling data as he does, and the writing is on the wall for Republicans in 2020.

This is our moment. Democrats will take back the Texas House in 2020. I will do all that I can to work with my colleagues to defend every Democratic incumbent and to pick up the nine seats we need to flip the Texas House. When we do, we will bring back a culture of leadership that chooses good policy over bad politics and reason over retaliation.”

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Rep. Martinez Fischer is serving his ninth term in the Texas House and was first elected in 2000, when Democrats maintained a 78-72 majority.