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After legislators of both parties blocked reauthorization of Texas' largest corporate tax subsidy program, Chapter 313, during the 2021 Regular Session, Senator Beverly Powell (Ft. Worth) has filed legislation this Special Session in an attempt to revive the program. SB26, which would extend Chapter 313 to the end of 2024, would syphon \$2.6 billion in school district tax revenue and give it to [large Petrochemical and Manufacturing companies in the form of tax breaks.](#)

"It is shameful to take billions from Texas schoolchildren and give it to major oil and gas companies like Exxon Mobil, Chevron Phillips, and Corpus Christi Liquefaction," said Minister Jacqueline Hailey of New Hope Baptist Church, a member of TMO of the Texas IAF Network. "There is no such thing as a 'clean reauthorization' of Chapter 313. The program is a disaster for Texas schools and Republicans and Democrats should continue to reject any attempts to reauthorize it."

Chapter 313 was the subject of recent major exposés by the [Houston Chronicle](#) and [Texas Observer](#), which found that the program failed to deliver on goals for job creation, revenue generation, and attracting companies to Texas. [The Texas IAF organized against all attempts to reauthorize Chapter 313](#), including HB4242, another 2-year reauthorization bill, and HB1556, a 10-year reauthorization which would have cost the state \$45Billion over 25 years.

"Texas needs a broader and more sustainable approach to economic development and should never fund tax incentives on the backs of schoolchildren," said Father Miles Brandon of St. Julian Episcopal Church with Central Texas Interfaith-Texas IAF. "We don't need a repeat of failed programs, we need to start a new conversation on how to build a strong economic future for Texas."

Coverage of the Texas IAF's work to oppose Chapter 313 [can be found here.](#)

*The Network of Texas IAF Organizations are non-partisans; institutionally based community organizations whose purpose is to train leaders to organize families around issues which affect their quality of life. The network includes Communities Organized for Public Service and The Metro Alliance and ICAN in San Antonio, The Border Organization, Valley Interfaith in the Rio Grande Valley; TMO in Houston; EPISO and Border Interfaith In El Paso; Austin Interfaith; ACT in Fort Worth; Dallas Area Interfaith; AMOS- Arlington , The West Texas Organizing Strategy; and Beaumont, Port Arthur and Orange.