



## **2014 Highlights**

**Wendy Davis Filibuster Anniversary** – A signature TRI project in 2014 was [FightBackTX.com](http://FightBackTX.com), a retelling of the events that took place at the State Capitol the year before. Through an oral history project – a narrative told solely through interviews – we were able to offer very unique and personal insights from those who were there. Through more than 200 staff hours over a period of three weeks, TRI staff reached out to 40 key participants and eventually conducted 28 in-depth interviews. Our work for [FightBackTX.com](http://FightBackTX.com) received statewide media attention and a **Politics & Personalities Award** from the *Austin Chronicle* for “[Best Post-HB 2 Pro-Choice Activist Group](#).”

**Media Trainings:** our team provided media training and social media best practices to non-profit groups, conducting more than 20 in-person presentations around Texas. Moving forward we intend to create webinars so as to reach an even broader audience.

**Securing Judicial Nominations** – TRI authored a report showing that Texas courts were suffering a 12,000 case backlog at the federal level because Senators John Cornyn and Ted Cruz failed to approve judicial nominations. Our report resulted in this [major statewide story](#) and led the way for the confirmation of Judge Gregg Costa just one month later.

**Polling** – Our expertise in reading polls and providing message guidance was highlighted via our [Texas Polling Center](#), which houses every publicly available poll in Texas dating back to 2010. This very useful tool has become a valuable resource for many organizations around the state.

**Texas Left Me Out** – Another successful ongoing campaign was our effort to build an online community of people who have been left out of affordable healthcare coverage due to the state’s refusal to accept Medicaid expansion funds. The [launch of our campaign website](#) received statewide media attention and became a model used by other Progress state affiliates.

**GOT ID TEXAS?** Our website to [help Texans navigate the voting process](#) was once again very popular, and was promoted by County Democratic Parties, campaigns, and statewide organizations. Our work here also became a model used by other Progress state affiliates.