SB 930

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The Texas Press Association strongly supports SB 930, which would assure Texans' right to information about the transmission rate of communicable disease in long-term care facilities. Texans with loved ones in these facilities have been continually frustrated in our attempts to learn how many cases of COVID have been experienced in our loved ones' facilities. Access to such information is essential for those of us who make life-or-death decisions on behalf of our loved ones with dementia. It is also essential for journalists who report on these issues on behalf of the public. We do not seek access to patient-specific information, but only for aggregate information about the frequency of cases. Without it, we must make life-or-death decisions for our loved ones in an information vacuum.