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In 2018, the Democratic Party stood behind Christine Blasey Ford when she bravely testified about being sexually assaulted by now Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh. The Party has condemned misogynistic remarks by the President of the United States and attempted to bring light to survivors victimized by Donald Trump. The Texas Democratic Party Platform includes a clause that clearly supports “ensuring swift and just responses to sexual harassment”.

As young people, we have supported efforts like #MeToo and #TimesUp because we refuse to turn a blind eye to the despicable harm perpetuated by abusers. We want to empower survivors within our communities. We believe women who courageously come forward.

It is for these reasons and more that we, the University Democrats and a coalition of other young activists, are calling for a thorough investigation into the allegations of Tara Reade against former Vice President Joe Biden.

Sexual assault is not a partisan weapon we can leverage against Republicans but excuse in our own party. Survivors deserve justice. The United States deserves leaders who are held accountable for their actions, who would never commit a crime as heinous as abuse. It is not optional to look past this transgression without fair inquiry. It would be hypocritical, irresponsible, and cruel for the Democratic Party to simply ignore the issue at hand. We are demanding examination into Joe Biden’s alleged abuse, and we are far from alone.

The Democratic Party has a choice: silence survivors or let them be heard. We urge it to choose correctly.

With gravity and insistence,
The University Democrats at the University of Texas at Austin
The Coalition Against Sexual Misconduct at the University of Texas at Austin
The Howard Payne College Democrats
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College Democrats at Texas State University
The Rice Young Democrats
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