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## **Senator Borris L. Miles Statement on Governor Abbott's Directive Against DEI Policies**

"The Governor's directive against Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) policies at state agencies and public universities is nothing more than additional political theater aimed at appeasing far right extremists that fear the diversity that makes our state great.

"I trust the leaders of our state agencies and public universities are already following state and federal laws against racial quotas in hiring. DEI initiatives merely seek to diversify the pool of applicants so that the applicants for jobs better reflect the population of this state.

"This month, we celebrate the history, achievements and excellence of African Americans. It is an incredibly divisive and disrespectful act for the Governor to issue this directive in the middle of Black History Month and in the same week that the Texas Senate honored Opal Lee, the Grandmother of Juneteenth. We need to focus on expanding Medicaid, increasing wages, adequately funding our public schools and putting people-first policies in place that advance this state and provide opportunity to all. When do we realize as Texans that our strength is in the diversity of our state?"

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