

Former Congressman and nationally-known gun reform advocate Beto O'Rourke says, "Julie Johnson has been leading the charge to restore abortion rights. And she's stood up to the NRA to strengthen our gun laws. Julie is a leader we need in Congress."

Opponent Dr. Brian Williams is launching inaccurate and misleading attacks on Julie Johnson's record of gun safety reform, accusing her of voting for NRA-backed bills. His desperate and dishonest smears are refuted by the record and statements of voting from the Texas Legislature. If Dr. Williams can so easily lie to voters about this crucial issue, what else will he lie about? We live in an age where there is a war on truth- the last thing we need in Congress is a Democrat who acts like Trump.

On February 5th, 2024 Dr. Brian Williams told an audience in Dallas at the WDUA Democratic Candidate Forum that he worked with the NRA to pass gun policy as a legislative fellow on Capitol Hill. At the same time, his campaign was blasting emails from Dr. Williams claiming, "he would never vote with the NRA." [Voters can listen for themselves here.](#)

Claim: Julie Johnson supported a bill to avoid any penalty or federal regulation for gun silencers or gun suppressors.

Rating: FALSE. Julie Johnson consistently voted against the bill each time it came up for a vote.

- Julie Johnson registered her support on record as voting NO to HB 2286 in her first session. On May 10th, 2019, State Rep. Julie Johnson registered her support with the clerk against this bill. [[HB 2286, 5/10/19](#)]
- Julie Johnson voted against this bill again when it appeared as HB 957 in the 87th session session. [[HB 957, 5/04/21](#)]

Claim: Julie Johnson voted to empower the Texas Attorney General to revoke the ability of Texas cities, towns, and counties to pass common-sense public safety measures designed to keep their communities safe.

Rating: FALSE. Julie Johnson voted NO on the floor against HB 3231. Her committee conference vote was inaccurately recorded and she had it corrected by the clerk in the same session.

- State Rep. Julie Johnson's floor vote against HB 3231. [[HB 3231, 5/04/21](#)]
- Vote correction by the clerk. [[5/22/21](#)]

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