



Texas Eagle Forum

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Dear Friends & Eagles,

Greetings! March is already here, and that means the 85th Legislative Session has only two and a half months left to address a myriad of issues affecting Texas families. There is so much happening with conservative legislation in Austin that I am not sure where to start.

First of all, thank you for helping to keep good legislation rolling by reading and taking action from our *Torch* newsletter, subscribing to our weekly “Top 5” updates, engaging with us on social media, and passing the information along to your family and friends.

I also want to thank those who donate to Texas Eagle Forum. I pray for each of you by name when I sign thank you notes each month. You are keeping the fuel in the engine of this grassroots army, and we are so thankful.

As each week goes by, I realize how much work still needs to be done to help Texas rise to the challenge of being a great leader in our nation. There are many holes in our state and federal government that need repair, especially when it comes to children. Whether it is issues within CPS, the foster care system, our educational system, or sex trafficking, government has so intertwined itself within these arenas that it is no wonder that they are burdensome and ineffective.

Children are the big losers at every turn. We don't want them unprepared and beholden to the State. We also don't want them weighed down in federal debt—the likes of which this nation has never seen. Please pray for these programs and our deep-rooted dependence on the State. I believe, as most likely you do too, that there is a better path. Churches and families bring health and stability to a community. Tending to those needing help through our faith communities and our families is where more answers are found, not in a nanny state.

We have had the opportunity to share with many legislators this month, as well as speak with the team in the Governor's office about the issue of human trafficking. This issue is much larger in scope than I previously realized, and is a non-partisan issue. We must get ahead of this heinous problem before we depend on more government to “save the day.”

Texas Eagle Forum is glad to partner with other grassroots groups and support the newly organized Freedom Caucus in the Texas House. Their mission expressly stated is to hardwire the grassroots into the process to magnify our voice. We are prayerful and hopeful for this group and its commitment to legislate from the ground up. We also are supporting these legislators and their legislation that protects our first amendment rights and the religious liberties we value as a state and a nation.

One thing I have learned in the last few months is that we need to choose our battles wisely. We may see on the news or hear on social media that a battle is raging on an issue, but upon close examination the talking points—or as President Trump likes to call it, “fake news”—are blowing things out of proportion. This can be seen in the ideology of the Right and the Left. Both sides have issues with exaggeration of the facts. It is important that we always do our due diligence, check the facts, and follow the principles that make us strong as Texas Eagle Forum.

I pray that the endeavors we are working on honor God and are fruitful to protect and advance the cause of liberty. There are days that we might feel overwhelmed, but hope, truth, and knowledge help us to remain faithful to the noble journey in front of us.

Blessings,



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1 Corinthians 13:1-13