



Texas Eagle Forum

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Dear Eagles,

What a season this has been! Due to the timing of the special session and the historic hurricane devastating the gulf coast, we are deviating from our scheduled September newsletter to let you know we are still working on our scorecard for the 85th legislative session and hope to have it to you soon.

Texas Eagle Forum has always done a wonderful job of being engaged in the Texas legislative sessions and releasing a scorecard covering a wide array of issues when the regular legislative session ends. This time, however, we made the decision to wait until after the special session, because we wanted to include certain bills that failed to pass when the regular session ended in May. We consider these “priority” bills and continued to work on them during the special session—pro-life bills, property tax reform, mail-in voter fraud, municipal annexation, and, of course, the privacy bill.

The regular session did produce a number of conservative victories. Texas Eagle Forum had several “priority” bills pass overwhelmingly—our fight against human trafficking, the anti-BDS, pro-Israel legislation, American Law for American Courts (ALAC), divesting from countries that are state sponsors of terrorism, and protection for victims’ privacy in acts of trafficking, sexual assault, etc. TEF worked on a number of these bills in past legislative sessions, but led by Senator Van Taylor (R-Plano) and several strong conservative House members, now was our time. Our scorecard will highlight the bills which passed unanimously by legislators on both sides of the aisle, who DID NOT want to be on the wrong side of history. We are pleased legislators made the right choices to vote for the right bills for the right reasons.

Thank you for your prayers and financial support of our grassroots army as we worked on your behalf in Austin. Thanks, too, for your many phone calls and emails to your representatives during both sessions. Together, I am confident we made a long-term difference in our state.

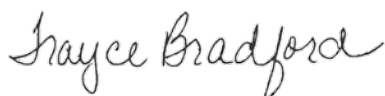
So many of us have friends or families severely impacted by Hurricane Harvey. My hometown of Victoria was hit badly. Thankfully, my parents evacuated and are okay. However, many fellow Texans, including TEF members, still need our help and support. Let’s continue to pray and stand with them as God allows.

Just like so MANY Texans after Harvey made landfall, I spent a lot of time communicating with our friends all over Texas and organizations with boots on the ground to do whatever we could to assist in those first hours and days. I am so proud of the way our state leaders responded before and after this catastrophic event. Governor Greg Abbott, Lt. Governor Dan Patrick, and Attorney General Ken Paxton, along with their able staffs, are facilitating the needs of those most badly affected. These leaders, along with the victims of Harvey, will need our help LONG AFTER THE CAMERAS have moved on.

Although Texans are resilient, please consider adopting a family you may know in the storm area, or let us find you one to support over the next year as they put their lives back together. Perhaps you can provide prayer support, a shoulder to lean on, or help along the way with some of your time or talents. The opportunities are endless. My dear friend, Dana, leader of Concerned Women of America in Texas, and part of our Moms’ Caucus, had her home flooded. It is a season to rebuild for her and for so many. We will be walking with her through this, but others need our continued support.

TEF’s goal is to keep you informed through our website, email alerts, articles, devotionals, and social media posts. As always, we will be praying for our great state of Texas, our beloved country, and you.

Pressing onward,



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