



# Texas Eagle Forum

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Dear Eagles,

It's here! The 86th Texas Legislature is in session, and your Texas Eagle Forum has been working behind the scenes to defend our God-honoring principles. We will be working on an agenda that includes property tax reform, stiffer penalties for sex traffickers, religious liberties, immigration and the border issue, ERA, our electrical grid, and protecting the unborn.

There will be opportunities to rally people in your circles of influence to call or visit their legislators, testify on issues of concern, or simply educate them to what is happening in the legislature. To learn the latest news from Austin, make sure you receive our "Top Five" email we send out each Monday during the session. Sign up on our website, at [texaseagle.org](http://texaseagle.org), and encourage others to do so, as well. Also, our *Torch* newsletter will keep you informed on topical issues affecting Texas families. We need your participation, your gifts, and your skills. Please let me know if you would like to work on any issue. **You are Texas Eagle Forum!**

The election last November brought a new group of leaders to our state and our nation. There will be opportunities to make a difference, especially since some of those newly-elected officials aren't aligned with our principles and conservative values. We must be equipped and ready to make an intentional choice to speak up on issues of concern, especially the issue of LIFE. Be a voice when all others are silent; continue to fight for what is right, even when the opposition wants to intimidate or attempts to silence our voice and vote.

I keep thinking about a statistic I saw the other day that said abortion is the leading cause of death in the world. Not war, not famine... but abortion. According to [lifesitenews.com](http://lifesitenews.com), over forty-one million unborn babies were killed last year. If these were Spotted Owls, we would hear a huge outcry, yet taking the life of a tiny human being is shrugged off as a choice—or, even worse, a badge of honor. Rev. Rusty Thomas' hard-hitting article in this month's *Torch* gives us ways we can put an end to abortion in our lifetime, but it will take courage from the American people.

Hopefully, 2019 will take a turn toward calmer moods and more civil discourse. As Eagles, we will continue to pray, hope, and take action.

Every year, I choose a verse to ponder. This year, I have chosen Jeremiah 31:3: "The Lord appeared to him from afar, saying, 'I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore I have drawn you with lovingkindness.'"

What a great reminder that God pursues us with an everlasting love, and draws us to Him with loving kindness. Those words will be at the top of my To-Do list every morning for the next 365 days. We have not lost our HOPE. HE IS OUR HOPE.

God Bless you, and God Bless the State of Texas!



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P.S. You can count on us to fight for LIFE, liberty, and property in Texas. Thank you for your prayers and generous participation in the work we are doing.