



# Texas Eagle Forum

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Dear Eagles,

Hopefully, fall has finally made its presence known in Texas. The long summer has been emblematic of the harsh and, yes, weary behavior of our Congressional leaders in Washington. I can't name much of anything Congress has done in the last six months for the American people, besides wasting taxpayer money trying to remove a duly-elected President.

Here at home, Texas is in the crosshairs of the progressives and liberals. At last count, six Texas congressmen are not returning to Washington next session. Democratic-Socialists are giddy, believing now is the time to strike and swing Texas blue. We need to realize that our liberty is at stake.

It has been stunning to see the willingness of our state legislators, both Republican and Democrat, to hand over our liberties to a nanny government poking its nose into our daily lives. Two particular areas that jump to mind are safeguarding parental rights and protecting Second Amendment rights.

Parental rights, regarding our children and their physical and mental health, are quickly evaporating. It is disheartening and disturbing to hear the number of stories we receive from concerned parents who are experiencing intrusive questions, not just to their children but to them, as well. Places that should be safe for parents to work with for the benefit of the child are becoming more and more adversarial. If leaders in this State really want to impact school violence, they should research the facts before kowtowing to mob mentality. Little evidence was presented showing success in the new legislation, most specifically the massive amount of mental health legislation, changes to the education code, etc. In fact, there was evidence to the contrary, and, unfortunately, its repercussions will be felt for years.

Another liberty that is in need of constant vigilance is our Second Amendment right, an issue near and dear to most Texans. Lt. Governor Dan Patrick is calling for Texas to expand government background checks for private gun sales. Criticized by the NRA, Gun Owners of America, and gun-rights advocates alike, many say expanding Patrick's mandatory background checks will lead to a federal gun registry, which is on the Democrat's wish list.

On November 5th, liberty-minded Texans will have an opportunity to vote on the ten Constitutional Amendments listed in this month's *Torch*. Voter turnout is traditionally very low. Please reach out to your circle of influence and remind them to vote. Then, continue to pass on information as we gear up for the 2020 primaries and general election. The Lone Star Agenda is a good starting place, as it spells out a plan to make sure Texas stays red (see Sep. 2019 *Torch* or search "Lone Star Agenda").

The next 12 to 14 months promise to be busy, politically, and we all need to stay engaged. Thankfully, we know where our true treasure lies, and we know that to act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God is foundational to any strategy we walk out. God has given us authority to pray for our

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leaders and be good stewards of what we are given, including the right to vote. Together, we can enlist an army of men and women to stand with us on our foundational principles of God, family, and Country.

Our liberty depends on it.

Pressing forward,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Trayce Bradford". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Trayce Bradford  
President of Texas Eagle Forum

P.S. Texas Eagle Forum is already working to find qualified conservative candidates to run for local, state, and federal offices. Your prayers and financial support are the wind beneath our wings! Thank you in advance for your most generous gift.