

# TEXAS EAGLE FORUM

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Dear Eagles,

Texas Eagle Forum is blessed to have many grassroots supporters. In December, we asked for your help starting the new year with sufficient funds to meet extra expenses during this Legislative session, and you came through! God has blessed us with a wonderful head start, despite the Biden presidency's troubling economy. Thank you to those who were able to contribute and even cover for those who were not able.

Many of you have been involved with Texas Eagle Forum for a long time and know that, at this moment, I am reading bills for hours on end, and spending time in Austin visiting with legislators on bills we want them to support. If you have built a close relationship with your representative or senator, please let me know. You may be able to help compel them to carry a bill in need of an author. Sometimes they just need a push from their own district.

The deadline for filing a bill is March 10, which is right around the corner. The 140 days of a session are intense, and they fly by! Please make sure you are receiving our alerts and if not, please sign up at [TexasEagleForum.com](http://TexasEagleForum.com)! Eagles have done a great job of killing bad bills and helping pass some good legislation. We expect to increase our impact this session.

With the 88th Legislative Session underway, we are hopeful that many critical issues we have been working on for the past several sessions will be addressed. We are watching bills in the areas of Election Transparency, Education and Parental Rights, Child Protection, Gambling and Marijuana (we are against any expansion), our Border, States Rights, and Medical Freedom, among other issues.

Texas is overdue for passing strong laws to protect young people from leftist gender ideologues determined to destroy young bodies through so-called 'gender affirming care.' The transgender movement shows no signs of slowing down, creating nightmare scenarios for many parents who have children demanding chemical treatments and surgical mutilation. It has become clear, as well, that our schools cannot be trusted to help us protect children from the gender lie. These children will suffer lifelong consequences if we allow medical providers to profit on this godless idea. We must act to stop this evil predation of young, impressionable hearts and minds. Will you join us in praying for our children?

Be sure to check out this month's Torch where TEF's Jennifer Vermeulen outlines the ruinous impact the recent passage of the so-called Respect for Marriage Act will have on faith-based institutions. Too many Americans no longer understand the value of the family. God instituted marriage as the foundation of civil society. His instructions for marriage were designed to bless His creation. The marriage institution influences every critical aspect of our communities and nation. Children need a male and female role model in their lives, and they need the comfort and protection of a strong, stable marriage.

As I sit down to read bills, I am reminded of this quote from Benjamin Franklin: "Whereas true religion and good morals are the only solid foundations of public liberty and happiness... it is hereby earnestly recommended to the several States to take the most effectual measures for the encouragement thereof."

We have the privilege and responsibility to bring truth to our government. Texas Eagle Forum tries to do just that as we meet with our elected officials and their staff. While we are working to try to make our state a better place, especially for the children we love, it's nice to remember and to be encouraged by the fact that God will win in the end. He refines us through the fires we face.

Texas Eagle Forum has been in this battle against the leftist take-over of these areas for many years - but at many times we were fighting a lonely battle. Today we praise God for awakening good people and letting them take note of how far we have moved away from His values and our founders' ideas for our nation. More and more activists are joining in the battle for our nation.

As your friends notice the decline of our society, (which is obvious to Eagles!) please welcome them warmly and teach them gently. They will need nurturing, not berating. They were blind, but God has opened their eyes, and we couldn't be more excited!

My church sings a worship song by Shane & Shane, "You've Already Won." The chorus stays with me and encourages me that we are only responsible to do what He has called us to do. He has our back and the outcome, and He will win in the end.

*I'm fighting a battle  
That you've already won  
No matter what comes my way  
I will overcome  
I don't know what you're doing  
But I know what you've done  
I'm fighting a battle that  
You've already won.*

Faithfully,



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President of Texas Eagle Forum

P.S. Thank you for partnering with us. Your generous gifts, prayers and encouraging notes keep us ready to represent your values and your family in Austin.