

TEXAS EAGLE FORUM

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Dear Eagles,

It was awesome to meet many of you at the Republican State Convention in Houston in June. Thank you for stopping by or sending your friends to our booth and our Meet and Greet Reception. Serving on the Platform Committee kept me booked from early morning until late at night but was worth every minute as I was able to propose important language changes that helped make our platform solidly conservative and a clear statement of our values and principles.

The 2022 Republican Platform, voted on by the delegates, is staunchly conservative and consists of our Legislative Priorities for the 88th Texas Legislative Session that begins in January. Rest assured, TEF will be there to represent you, your family, and your values. We will need you to encourage your elected officials to stand up for these principles.

The 2023 Texas GOP Legislative Priorities include election integrity, securing the border, banning gender modification procedures on children, repealing the “obscenity exemption,” which allows children access to pornographic material in public schools, abolishing abortion by making sure our laws that protect life are followed by local officials, defending our gun rights, and ensuring parental rights and educational freedom. A big agenda that will take lots of work and prayer to accomplish!

We are looking for more patriots to become TEF issue chairs to focus on one of the many issues we work on by reading upcoming bills on that subject, alerting us to any red flags, and, if possible, testifying at committee hearings during the session. If interested, please email me at TEF@TexasEagleForum.com. You would be surprised at how quickly you can become a true expert on an important issue. We need your help! If you have a passion for any issue in the platform, God might be calling you to become an issue leader for TEF.

Last month, I was asked to speak on parental rights at the “Title IX Take-Over Rally” in front of the Department of Education (DOE) building in Washington, D.C. My speech is featured in this month’s *Torch*. The Biden administration continues to overreach into every aspect of American education, and if they aren’t stopped, it does not bode well for future generations or our Nation.

Title IX was passed in 1972 to prohibit discrimination based on sex in federally funded educational activities. “Sex” referred to biological sex—male or female—and nothing more. The law requires equal opportunities for females to participate in public school and college sports.

On March 8, President Biden issued an Executive Order which adds the words “sexual orientation” and “gender identity” to the definition of the noun “sex” in schools. And on June 23, 2022, the Department of Education released a proposed rule redefining “sex” in Title IX in just that way.

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The Department is taking President Biden's unconstitutional EO and rewriting rules for education in a way that upends the meaning of sex. The Department now considers it to be a violation of federal law if a school does anything other than fully accept and comply with student's self-proclaimed gender identity at school. Under the new proposed rule, schools must offer students special amenities—including access to opposite-sex bathrooms, new pronouns, and accommodations for dress—if the student claims a transgender identity. And other children are forced to give up religious convictions and free speech and agree that another child is not the sex they were born. And even worse, many schools take these steps without ever notifying parents or seeking their approval.

This is wrong on so many levels and a direct assault on parents' rights.

Unfortunately, the Title IX DOE directive is just one of the many issues facing families with kids in public schools today. Instead of fact-based, traditional curriculum, students are subjected to a progressive, radical social justice agenda, including a focus on feelings and emotions (SEL), group think, Critical Race Theory (CRT), and sexual perversion as normal (LGBTQ+). Our kids deserve better. TEF is working with many other groups on education issues so Texas students can grow and learn in a healthy environment and become all God made them to be.

Many of our freedoms hinge on the November 8th midterm election. In just a few weeks, we have a chance to regain seats in the U.S. Senate and U.S. House and reset the course of our nation back to a Constitutional Republic. We also must keep Texas RED. Between now and November, vet candidates, support good conservative candidates with your time, talent, and finances, and VOTE in-person (avoid mail-in ballots, if possible). Encourage like-minded family and friends to do the same, and remind your Democrat friends of what the Biden administration has done to destroy our country and our American way of life since taking office. The last date to register to vote is October 11th.

Like so many of you, I was appalled to learn of the FBI raid on former President Trump's home at Mar-A-Lago. Never in American history have we seen such an abuse of power by the federal government. President Trump said it best: "They are not coming for me, they are coming for you." He is right. The Left hates Trump because he speaks for a majority of middle-class Americans—hard-working, law-abiding, Bible-believing men and women of faith. In reality, the Marxists/Communists hate Jesus. We are in a spiritual battle of good vs evil (a battle as old as time itself), and it is up to each of us to take a stand, speak up, and pray.

I am grateful you stand with us in fighting to preserve our nation—created under God. These are the days to practice standing strong, as it could get worse before it gets better. Battle takes effort. Thank you for your partnership.

Faithfully,



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