

— TEXAS EAGLE FORUM —

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Dear Texas Eagles,

We head into this new year and new session excited and hopeful for what the future holds! As I sit down to write to you, we are eagerly awaiting Trump's second inauguration. And here on the home-front, the 89th Legislative Session is freshly underway.

Although they didn't have enough votes to elect their candidate, we are encouraged that 52 Republican Texas House members followed caucus rules and supported the speaker candidate who was chosen at their meeting, as their voters wanted them to do. This meant the new Speaker, Rep. Dustin Burrows, was elected by only 36 Republican House members and 49 Democrat members. Responding to some negativity in media after the vote, Lt. Governor Dan Patrick made a great statement. Here are some highlights:

"To these 52 Republicans: ...Hold your heads up high. You have started a movement that others will follow. That's what leaders do."

And, "The public expects us to work together for them. The Speaker will have every opportunity to fulfill his promise of being the most conservative Speaker in Texas history. I am committed to holding the line on the conservative policies that have made Texas great. It's important for Burrows to be successful as the most conservative Speaker ever, as he promised to be. That's good for Texas."

Similarly, we will not let the speaker vote discourage us. We will continue to fight, to support and preserve the backbone of any free and thriving nation: the family. With President Trump in office - and our fellow citizens coming to understand the harm we have allowed government to do to our great nation - we must use what precious time we have wisely, to reverse course, and to enact protections against future administrations seeking to undermine our efforts.

We will meet with our Legislators, pour over proposed legislation, and equip you to contact and weigh-in on how your own senator and representative should vote on important bills. Our most challenging goals get accomplished when you and those you inspire to join you, take simple actions like make a call, send an email, provide online testimony on House bills or even join us at the Capitol to testify on a bill. To that end, be sure that you are receiving our email alerts! Sign-up today at www.texaseagleforum.com/alerts.

January is the month we honor the national battle for life for unborn babies, and we are excited to bring you a very compelling story from Texas Right to Life about a young mother's love, honor and respect for her precious pre-born child in the face of a life-limiting diagnosis. The abortion argument is always self-focused and self-centered, but also short-sighted in ignoring the harm done to a should-be-mother who has undergone an abortion. We see this harm in the abortion advocate's anger. Recently, I was stopped by one in the Capitol. She could only rant and dump judgment on me. She refused to listen to how we want to help post-abortive women heal, find forgiveness, and join us in protecting both babies and their mothers. We offer women facing unexpected pregnancies help and hope, never judgment.

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In support of Texas families and our God-given liberties, Texas Eagle Forum will prioritize the following areas this session: Border Security; Election Security; Education; Protecting Life, Medical Freedom, and Children from Sexualization; Stopping Governmental Promotion of Addiction; Promoting Constitutional Currency; and ensuring respect for our Constitution at all levels of government. Please read our 89th Legislative Session Priorities in detail at TexasEagleForum.com

We are already hard at work in Austin, but as always, we need your support - physical, spiritual, and financial, as you are able. Your financial gift will ensure our *Torch* continues to educate Eagles, their family and friends. And your gift will help us better support our volunteers when they travel to Austin for meetings with elected officials, to testify, and to help share our information and research.

Thank you to so many generous Eagles who were able to send us a year-end gift to help launch us into the expensive months of a session year. Your gifts of any size are a great blessing to help further our efforts. As always we appreciate your prayers as well. As stated earlier, we also need you to have our backs by making calls to support or oppose bills we are watching when they are getting a hearing or a floor vote.

As we celebrate President Trump's second inauguration this month, I know we all share great hope and expectations for America's 'Golden Age.' But there is much work to be done, and we all know the Democrats have no intention of going quietly or playing nice. We must stay grounded in our faith and strong in our convictions! And may we never forget Paul's exhortation to the church in Thessalonika:

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." (1 Thessalonians 5:16-17 ESV).

God bless Texas! And God bless America!

Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cindi Castilla".

Cindi Castilla
President
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