

TEXAS EAGLE FORUM

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Dear Texas Eagles,

As I write this, I am in St. Louis spending some important time with my parents. Their condo is nestled among the trees, and every window has a stunning view of a spectacular fall. Red, yellow, orange and golden brown leaves float gently toward the ground. What a wonderful reminder of all the beauty God has provided for us! Fall is also a reminder of how quickly things change and compels me to focus on standing for truth in a world that embraces darkness.

Recently back home, Governor Greg Abbott, determined to get the House and Senate to come together on legislation regarding education, has called for a Fourth Special Session. Our concern is the heavy focus on promoting more money as the solution to the problem of declining student outcomes. More money will not teach children to think for themselves using evidence and logic. True, the push for more money does touch on “reading instruction,” and if that means a return to pure phonics as the foundation for reading, we would be thrilled. But our concern is that we will get a bad compromise – more money thrown at programs that have failed repeatedly in exchange for school choice that comes with strings attached. We will weigh-in on the resulting bills as they get hearings.

While our legislators have done a bit to slow border crossings by illegal immigrants, our borders remain open and porous. The new call includes a request for legislation to do more to reduce this travesty.

Employees of private businesses now have medical freedom and privacy when it comes to the COVID shot. Still I can't help but wish we had protected every single Texan from vaccine mandates in the early days of the pandemic. There is more work to be done in this area.

After hearing about “overwhelming” election fraud in a Connecticut mayoral race, our own election safeguards need to be in place before the November 2024 election. Unfortunately, Speaker of the House Dade Phelan and his appointed Elections Chairman did not hear or allow a vote on bills addressing the people's wishes for future elections. We are thankful that several smaller counties are changing their elections back to true paper ballots and hand counts. Their experience will help other leaders find the courage to make voting a revered honor, a privilege that we do not consider an inconvenience or hardship.

As next year's primaries grow near, we will turn to the vetting of candidates running for statewide positions and state legislative seats. In the 88th Regular Session, we saw some victories due to having elected stronger conservative legislators who truly understand the role of government and the critical value of the family.

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Speaking of someone who understands the government and value of the nuclear family: We are excited to introduce Ammon Blair to you in this month's *Torch*. Patriot, former border patrol agent, volunteer, husband, and father are some of the many titles Ammon Blair wears on a day-to-day basis. He is a 22-year U.S. Army Veteran, who was separated from the Texas Army National Guard because he refused the vaccine mandate. While he is an expert in several areas, we invited him to update us on the ominous U.N. 2030 Agenda and to help us recognize when our own state is moving toward World Economic Forum (WEF) ideals.

With Thanksgiving around the corner, please don't be discouraged by the state of our world! God gave us the privilege of a nation designed to be free from tyranny. God gave us the right of free speech, the right to worship Him as we wish, the ability to choose our leaders, and a Constitution that has stood the test of time. He asks us to steward this precious gift.

We can never thank you enough for standing with us to guard God's first-best for Texas and America. We wish you and your family a happy and blessed Thanksgiving.

Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cindi Castilla". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of "Cindi" and "Castilla" being capitalized and prominent.

Cindi Castilla
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