

TEXAS EAGLE FORUM

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Dear Eagles,

The year has just started and Texas Eagle Forum is already looking ahead to the Republican Primary Election on Tuesday, March 1 (early voting begins on February 14). We want to make sure you and your like-minded family and friends take every opportunity to vote and attend your precinct convention. Each county determines how they will handle precinct conventions. All senatorial conventions statewide will be held on Saturday, March 26th, and the Republican State Convention will be held June 16–18 in Houston. Contact your county chairperson to find out how your county will handle these important meetings. [Texasgop.org](https://www.texasgop.org) lists their names and contact information under the “people” heading.

For those of you who would like to learn about or brush up on how to become a delegate to your county convention, and perhaps to the GOP State Convention in June, TEF is planning a Zoom call to help you. Please send your email address to TEF@TexasEagleForum.com if you are interested and we will send you the date, time, and Zoom link or number to call.

It is imperative we elect TRUE conservatives in the Primary, who will then be our candidates in the November mid-term election. TEF, along with other grassroots organizations, is vetting these candidates and may offer suggestions, but please do your own homework before you vote on March 1. For several statewide offices, there are a slew of candidates; for example, the race for Governor has eight GOP candidates, and Lt. Governor has six, including former TEF President Trayce Bradford, whom our TEF PAC has endorsed. Begin now to do your research and make every effort to attend candidate forums in your local community. Stay informed and engaged ... our liberty depends on you!

This month's *TORCH* features an excellent article by Ryan Bangert, J.D., senior counsel and vice president for legal strategy at Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF), on the unconstitutional vaccine mandates imposed by the Biden administration. TEF, along with many Texans, has asked Governor Greg Abbott to call a special session to ban this executive overreach and any other future federal mandates. But he has failed to do so, leaving Texans vulnerable to the whims of the Democrats in power. Although the Governor has an executive order in place, many Texans are fighting their employers who are ignoring it. Please call Gov. Abbott's office today (512-463-2000) and ask him to call a special session to ensure Texas stays FREE.

On January 6th, the Supreme Court heard the oral arguments on the OSHA vaccine mandate and in less than a week, came back with a 6-3 decision to ban the mandate (liberals Breyer, Kagan and Sotomayor voted against). Unfortunately, the Court kept in place the vaccine mandate for healthcare workers 5-4. We applaud the OSHA decision, but wonder why Justices Roberts and Kavanaugh voted with the liberals if they found the OSHA decision unconstitutional.

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Another issue before the U.S. Supreme Court is abortion. January 22nd is the 49th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*. According to *The Dallas Morning News*, since the case was decided, the U.S. has enacted 1,336 abortion restrictions; yet it is estimated that over 62 million legal abortions have been performed since 1973. In his book, *Abortion and the Conscience of the Nation*, written while he was president, Ronald Reagan lays out reasons why abortion is antithetical to American values and to the sanctity of human life. He writes, “We will never recognize the true value of our own lives until we affirm the value in the life of others ... there is no cause more important.” We could not think of anyone more articulate and eloquent to present the case of ending legalized abortion and have included excerpts from his book in this month’s *TORCH*.

Another reason to encourage Gov. Abbott to call a special session is to vote to finally ban gender modification for minor children. Last August, during the third special session, Gov. Abbott wrote a letter to the head of the Texas Department of Family Protective Services asking if gender reassignment surgeries for transgender children was child abuse. Bills banning sex reassignment for minors never got to the floor for a vote in the House, and many felt the Governor’s letter was simply an attempt to appease his base. Acknowledging this *is* child abuse but failing to pass a law to stop dangerous puberty blockers, cross-sex hormone treatments, and disfiguring surgeries is inexcusable.

Thank you for engaging in the fight with Texas Eagle Forum. Speaking-up for the Judeo-Christian values our Founders knew were essential to a free nation will never be a waste of your time. You don’t always know where the seeds you plant might grow—and even thrive—but your children and grandchildren will remember you fought for liberty in our State and Nation. Even if our Nation does not make it out of this current and swift decline, you won’t regret you stood up for truth.

Our God is great and He is with us. He chose each of us for this time and place (Acts 17:26). Stay strong and be bold! I love walking and fighting next to each of you. Thank you for the privilege.

Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cindi Castilla". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Cindi Castilla
President of Texas Eagle Forum

P.S. Thank you, too, for your prayers and financial gifts. We couldn’t do what we do without your support!