

# — TEXAS EAGLE FORUM —

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Dear Texas Eagles,

When I returned from Eagle Council a few weeks ago, my mind was overflowing with new and refreshed information. Each year, Eagle Council puts together a fabulous program of speakers and subject-matter experts covering dozens of critical issues. Attendees learn important facts and new strategies to add to their arsenals when dealing with lawmakers on these issues back in their home states. With every year I've attended Eagle Council, I find myself empowered and encouraged, despite the daunting reports of the direction in which our nation is headed.

I was particularly interested in Eagle Forum president Kris Ullman's presentation where she shared clear evidence that several of Kamala Harris's talking points are direct references to former Communist leaders. "Unburdened by what has been" is a Communist rallying cry similar to Mao's "four olds." Chinese Communists believed that "old" ideas, culture, customs, and habits had to be destroyed in order to usher in the Marxist utopia. The American Left's desire to "unburden" women from motherhood, the senate from the filibuster, and our nation of her borders are all similarly motivated efforts to destroy America from within.

But this is nothing new. As clearly stated in his 1887 essay "Socialism and Democracy," future progressive Democratic President Woodrow Wilson wrote: "[In] fundamental theory, socialism and democracy are almost - if not quite - one and the same. They both rest at the bottom upon the absolute right of the community to determine its own destiny and that of its members. Men as communities are supreme over men as individuals."

Whenever I hear the word "democracy" applied to our unique Republic, I cringe. I can't help but correct the speaker, even if it's said on TV. But the Left has been trying to make us a democracy for a long time by co-opting language in order to deceive Americans into believing that individuals should be ruled by the community rather than the other way around.

Our duty is to understand the issues that we are facing both as Texans and as Americans. Our goal is to equip you to successfully discuss these issues where you can. During each legislative session, you help us speak the truth about the issues we support or oppose, share the impact each will have on Texans, good or bad, and pray we are heard. So, in this month's Torch, we are glad to provide you with a taste of what we heard at Eagle Council 52, and we hope it will help you in your own conversations and activism.

As I hear stories of Eagle's friends, family, and neighbors showing increasing enlightenment, and I see glimmers of hope in the headlines, I am inspired to make even more effort to return us back toward the vision set for us by our Founding Fathers.

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Take, for example, these recent encouraging developments here at home. Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton has recently won a case protecting our law against vote harvesting and is working with other state AG's to demand compliance with Federal Law to stop noncitizens from voting. AG Paxton is also protecting Texas doctors' and hospitals' right to refuse to provide abortions prohibited by state law. And AG Paxton is suing a doctor in Texas for providing harmful "gender transition" treatments to children in Texas.

I cannot emphasize it enough: the work we are doing together, on behalf of conservative values in Texas, does make a difference!

In a fun ongoing-effort in my area, local Dallas warrior Cyrena Nolen has faithfully executed a plan to encourage people to support like-minded candidates, who share our values, by hanging banners on freeway overpasses while patriots display American, Texas, and Trump flags. I helped on a seven-bridge effort last week. We were excited to get significantly more friendly waves and horn honks than ever before.

Through her creativity, determination, and hard work, Cyrena brought in activists who had previously never done anything to try to impact votes. I was at the bridge with a brigade of Eagles, but there were others who were brand new. A group of high school boys even parked their truck and jumped out to help us. I know there are so many more individuals we can bring to the table through efforts like these.

We are grateful for all of you who are already putting in so much of yourself to help save our nation. If God is calling you to help us lead on a particular issue or to lead a small group in your area, please let us know! There are so many ways to make a difference: Sharing your faith will change some hearts; sharing your values will change some votes; sharing your time will elect better candidates or help them support the right issues when in office. We can win this fight to preserve what we have and restore what's been lost, if we all chip-in as God calls us and equips us.

As we await the election results in a few days, let's pray that Christians turnout in record numbers to vote for biblical values, that any cheating will be thwarted, and that millions of Americans will wake up to the growing divide between Right and Left, good and evil, and will join conservative believers in Making America Great Again!

Faithfully,



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