

TEXAS EAGLE FORUM

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Dear Texas Eagles,

After a short but relaxing Christmas Eve to New Year's Day break, we have hit the ground running in 2026. JoAnn Fleming, the fearless leader of Grassroots America - We the People, and I started the critical task of vetting Texas House, Senate, Congressional, and SBOE candidates in early October. These hour-long interviews over Zoom require a lot of personal preparation and post-interview debriefings with other TEF leaders or national Eagle Forum leaders. So many candidates applied to get vetted, in fact, that we are still working on our own organization's endorsement list.

Vetting is something we take very seriously, and there are several reasons why we might choose not to endorse in a given race. There may be only slight differences between candidates, or perhaps we aren't comfortable enough to grant a candidate an Eagle Forum endorsement. Some candidates aren't ready or informed enough to assume an elected position, while others don't have a functioning campaign, volunteers, or resources. Vetting allows us an opportunity to build relationships with candidates and share more about Texas Eagle Forum. We are looking for hard working, informed candidates who have ideas and solutions but are also open to learning more about our key issues. Please watch our website for endorsement updates and feel free to share our endorsements with your like-minded friends. I have vetted several inspiring deep thinkers, and I pray they win their primary and general elections.

Another important task we are working on as primary season approaches is gathering resolutions to help update our platform and inform our legislative priorities. We are happy to accept your submissions at TEF@TexasEagleForum.com. Submissions will be posted on our website, and I hope many will be presented by those who will attend their precinct/senatorial/county conventions. I have personally witnessed the impact this effort makes, so we look forward to hearing from you on important issues.

This week I was able to visit the new Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF) headquarters that recently opened north of Dallas. It was a refreshing reminder of the amazing people who fight to protect our God-given right to life, liberty, free speech and the blessing of living in America. ADF makes a huge difference in the lives of those they defend. But more than that, their victories are important to all Americans, including the unborn.

In this month's issue of *The Torch*, we celebrate the Sanctity of Life. When a people lose respect for life, society is likely at its end. Our national EF is working hard in D.C. to push back on taxpayer-funded IVF. While IVF does allow some to have a child they might not have otherwise conceived, it is also estimated to have created over one million unborn embryos, many of which are unwanted and are often abandoned. There are better ways to help couples achieve parenthood, and we are thankful that our national Eagle Forum is engaging with emerging experts who care deeply about the ethical implications of this reproductive technology and our role in protecting all unborn babies, regardless of how they came to life.

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