

# TEXAS EAGLE FORUM

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Dear Eagles,

Before my children were born, I worked for Zig Ziglar, a world-famous motivational speaker and believer in Jesus Christ. When anyone asked him, “How are you?”, his answer was always, “Super good, but I’ll get better!” I have lived most of my adult life with that attitude, trying to never feel discouraged fighting to ensure Texas families have every opportunity to thrive. While a positive attitude can help us keep going, we have to realize our Nation is in real danger.

As patriotic citizens, who love our country, we must stay involved. Our Nation is under attack from the Marxist revolutionaries who are now in power. We are facing growing dangers on so many fronts—in education, election integrity, economics, immigration, and foreign policy. The good news is many people are waking up and joining us, but if we collectively don’t exercise our God-given rights and privileges to speak up, we will lose them. Now is not the time for the faint-of-heart. Pray for wisdom and guidance on how YOU can make a difference. Yes, Jesus is coming back soon, but we are told to “occupy” until His return.

In the past, we have taken the summer months to create our Legislative Scorecard and enjoy time with our families, but when Governor Greg Abbott called the 30-day special sessions, Texas Eagle Forum was there to continue the fight for Texas families.

The first special session opened with high hopes, but House Democrats refused to do their job and cowardly flew to Washington, D.C. to avoid a quorum. Left on the table once again was important legislation on election integrity, improving the ban on Critical Race Theory (CRT) in public schools, and protecting minors from gender modification.

While the Democrats carry the blame for running out on their duty to Texas, there are others who thwarted good legislation, including the Republican Speaker of the House, Dade Phelan. Despite opposition from his own party, he appointed Democrats as chairmen of important committees, who then let good bills they opposed die in committee in the regular session. Republicans have the majority—all committees should have been headed by Republicans who support our platform. Speaker Phelan should have stripped the Democrat chairs of their position when they abandoned their seats and replaced them with strong Republicans. We believe he must be replaced in 2023, unless we see impactful efforts to support the platform.

TEF can’t ignore the fact that, during the regular session, a couple of Republican committee chairs were instrumental in allowing priority bills to die in their committee, rather than getting a transparent vote on the floor. This protects “R’s” who are actually not conservative at all, and who ignore the priorities of the party’s grassroots.

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The second special session has finally achieved a quorum and is racing forward to pass bills, some of them good and a few terrible. In this special session, we witnessed the Senate pass several bills which still contain some concerning language, so we are working with several legislative offices to try to “fine tune” them before they get to the floor of the House. Some stronger bills have been filed in the House but, at this writing, have not yet been assigned to a committee.

We need YOUR help in getting the House to improve Senate bills. PLEASE sign up for our *Alerts* to be informed on current bills and issues, enabling you to succinctly explain your concerns to your legislators. We know informed citizens are critical to getting things done right. You can go to our website at [TexasEagleForum.com](http://TexasEagleForum.com) to sign up online, or email us at [TEF@TexasEagleForum.com](mailto:TEF@TexasEagleForum.com) and ask to be placed on our Alert list.

This month’s *Torch* features TEF Education Chair Karole Fedrick’s excellent overview of Critical Race Theory (CRT) invading our public schools and universities. In addition, we give steps on how to combat CRT in your school, thanks to a comprehensive “A-Z CRT Toolkit” from Citizens For Renewing America. Thomas Jefferson once said, “An educated citizenry is a vital requisite for our survival as a free country.” We couldn’t agree more. Please pass the information on to your family and friends and again encourage them to get involved.

I am honored to be a part of “The Wooden Spoon Brigade,” a group of wonderful, spunky, conservative mamas who all worked hard during the regular session to fight for good government. Headed by JoAnn Fleming of “We the People,” the other ladies and I are on the “Texas Conservative Mamas Truth Tour,” shining the light on the Legislative Sessions. If you are a leader of a group, we would be happy to schedule an event in your area. It has been fun to meet Eagles throughout the State! If you are at one of our events, please say hello.

TEF is pleased former state legislator Matt Rinaldi was elected the new Chairman of the Texas Republican Party. Matt is a stalwart conservative who will fight for Republican principles and represent us well.

We at Texas Eagle Forum strive to keep you informed and engaged. Please heed the call to take a stand as activist citizens and help us in the battle for liberty and freedom in Texas and our Nation.

Thank you for your prayers and financial gifts. We couldn’t do what we do without your support. God bless Texas and the United States of America!

Faithfully,



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President of Texas Eagle Forum