

# TEXAS EAGLE FORUM

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Dear Texas Eagles,

The National Day of Prayer is Thursday, May 2, and if there was ever a time for prayer, it is now. This year's theme is "For you are my lamp, O Lord, and my God lightens my darkness. For by You I can run against a troop, and by my God I can leap over a wall. This God —his way is perfect; the word of the Lord proves true; He is a shield for all those who take refuge in Him." (2 Samuel 22:29-31)

In less than a month, the World Health Organization (WHO) will gather in Geneva for the 77th annual World Health Assembly. Members of the WHO, including 194 nations, will vote on two agreements that threaten national sovereignty and our personal health freedoms. These documents, the Pandemic Accord (Treaty) and the amendments to the International Health Regulations (IHR) will give the WHO's Director General (currently Tedros Ghebreyesus) unprecedented power to declare whatever he or she deems to be actual or potential "public health emergencies of international concern" and dictate what must be done in response.

Despite our best efforts to get Congress to defund the WHO in the last appropriations bill, the language defunding the WHO and requiring Senate ratification of these documents was removed in the final bill. With the World Health Assembly convening in just a few weeks, the time to act is NOW.

Please contact your senators and demand that the President submit the WHO's Pandemic Treaty and the IHR amendments to the Senate for "advice and consent" before the Administration agrees to them. Ask your congressperson to co-sponsor HR 1425 which codifies that these Treaties must be passed (or hopefully failed) by the U.S. Senate. Also, ask Gov. Abbott, Lt. Gov. Patrick, your state senator and representative (or the candidates running for a seat representing you) to file or support a bill to prohibit any rule, regulation, fee, tax, policy, or mandate of any kind from the World Health Organization, United Nations, or the World Economic Forum from being enforced or implemented in the State of Texas.

In addition to fighting the WHO treaties with like-minded groups nationwide, Texas Eagle Forum policy leaders are members of other national and state coalitions working on issues including the Title IX rewrite, election security, education outcomes and related problems, alongside researching the value or danger of legislation likely to be proposed in our next session. We will begin meeting with returning House and Senate members after the RPT convention May 23-25.

If you are attending the RPT convention, please stop by our booth in the Exhibit Hall. We are excited that our *Torch* editor Jenn Vermeulen will be joining us at this convention. I will be representing my Senate District (SD) and the grassroots issues we stand firmly behind on the platform committee. So, I will be busy but will be at the booth as often as possible.

Please stop by—we would love to put a face with your name!

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During the convention, on Friday, May 24 from 12:15-1:15 p.m. in Room 223, TEF will present “Don’t Gamble on Gambling” at its Lunch and Learn. This is a free event, so no food will be served. Attendees may bring their own lunch. We hope those willing to help us fight gambling will attend, as well as any who may be uninformed or undecided on the issue. Over 400 individuals have already filed to lobby on this issue – we believe most of them are paid by those in the business of preying on the poor and addicted, those chasing a lie that gambling creates wealth. Texas is better than this, and we hope to help spread truth on the issue. Pray the lobbyists won’t fill all the seats – but if they show up, that they will be converted! Thankfully, TEF does not have to file as lobbyists, because we volunteer our time to support policies that fortify families in Texas.

*The Torch* this month will take a look at Artificial Intelligence (AI) and its use for both good and evil. Many experts worry the rapid developments of AI may have disastrous consequences - foreseen and unforeseen - for humanity. Some are even saying it will become a new religion, replacing God. Our article will help you understand this complex subject.

Your prayers, emails and phone calls to your elected officials, conversations with family and friends, and commitment to TEF, help us “run against a troop” and “leap over a wall,” as we work in the Capitol and with elected officials to stand for biblical and constitutional principles.

Your notes of encouragement and willingness to share the *Torch*’s information are so encouraging. Please let us know if you would like extra copies. The newsletter is also on our website [TexasEagleForum.com](http://TexasEagleForum.com).

Finally, thank you for your financial gifts, which help cover TEF’s expenses as we continue to fight the good fight in Texas and our beloved country.

Faithfully,



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President  
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P.S. Please pray for Israel and the United States. We are living in perilous times and need God’s wisdom and protection.