

TEXAS EAGLE FORUM

November 2021

Dear Eagles,

A November letter would usually start with thankfulness for the blessing of living in a free country where hope abounds and opportunity to thrive is ours for the taking. However, we arrive in November 2021 somewhat dismayed as we struggle to find remnants of the positive direction in which our Nation was heading just two years ago. We are weary after fighting on the front lines since January, where the “conservative” majority did more bending to the Left than standing for what is right. We won some battles, but our losses were big.

As the end of the year approaches, we still have work to do. With three special sessions under our belt, we must pressure Governor Greg Abbott to set another special session to cover several issues that were missed (as of this writing, no session is scheduled).

- First, the election integrity bill, already signed into law, ignored electronic fraud and made vote-stealing a misdemeanor—which is a crime no Soros-supported district attorney will pursue. Stealing a vote must be treated as a serious crime.
- Next, Texas must pass a law to protect children from destroying their bodies in an attempt to “change” their sex. The “transgender movement” is growing and taking our children. More and more “gender clinics” are popping up in Texas, and our public school children are being taught that they can choose their gender. How heavy and confusing that must be for a young boy or girl. God help us if we cannot even get this done.
- We must have a law that protects us from a vaccine mandate and disallows treating those who abstain differently. Our health decisions are our own. We must be free to wear a mask or not, take a shot or not, and go out in public or not. Mandates reinforce a nanny state—something we must vehemently oppose.
- Finally, we will need to address the newly created “Reading Academies” for teachers in grades K–3. They were created in response to a bill passed in 2019. The section on the Teacher’s Role includes pushing CRT ideas on our youngest students. We will start advocating for our schools to go back to the basics so our children can learn to think again. We will lose our Nation if we don’t.

The wonderful news is that those of us who love God and abide in His word understand that He knows what we are facing. He is working in this world even when we don’t see His hand. I think of Daniel and Esther in the Old Testament, and the disciples in the New Testament, and how they set a great example for us. They held to truth and furthered God’s kingdom whether they saw the results or not. We are all growing stronger as we stand against bad public policy and fight for our government to return to the principles of the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution, and the rule of law.

“Truth” was the theme of the “Women For Freedom” Summit 2021 featured in this month’s *TORCH America, Can We Talk?* host Debbie Georgatos assembled a wonderful array of noted speakers who addressed the pressing issues facing our nation today and gave hope for the future. We think the information is well worth sharing and hope you do, too!

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Texas Eagle Forum is thankful for you! Your subscription to the *TORCH* allows us to print extra copies to help educate others when I am on the road speaking for other groups. (Remember to ask us for extras if you find a particular issue helpful and know where you would place them.) We are thankful for your willingness to make phone calls, send emails, and inform your friends with our action alerts. We are thankful for all our TEF volunteers who spend their time and God-given gifts to help our efforts. I am thankful our founder, Phyllis Schlafly, answered God's call to raise a team of volunteer warriors to guide and stand for good policies that support families.

I want to say a personal thank you to Marilyn Statler, Deana Johnston, Karole Fedrick, Beth Biesel, and Sue Evenwel for their excellent work in areas God has gifted them. Former TEF Presidents, Cathie Adams and Trayce Bradford, stay connected to TEF, and we are blessed accordingly. I am also thankful for our chapter leaders, Betty Anderson (Montgomery County), Gail Capps (Dallas), and Nancy Healey (Central Texas), as their groups put on informative meetings that help Eagles become politically astute and informed on important issues. We are also grateful to have awesome graphics help from Martin Massinger, the best printer ever (Millet the Printer), and a superb mail house (The Order Desk), all of whom actually read our *TORCH* and support our efforts.

I am thankful for my parents who raised me to love and appreciate our great Country and to be politically involved as God calls me. I am thankful, too, for my husband and grown children who kindly accept getting less of my attention than they would prefer.

We do live in a great Nation ... if we can keep it. As Americans and Texans stop to praise and thank God for all He provides, including hope and peace through our relationship with Him, we wish you a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cindi Castilla".

Cindi Castilla
President of Texas Eagle Forum