



TEXAS EAGLE FORUM

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Dear Eagles,

Our great State is at risk when conservatives confuse liberty with license. Government often has a duty to protect the public safety of its citizens.

While a 2021 poll from the University of Houston reports 67 percent of Texans support legalizing recreational marijuana, I would propose they only *think* they support this cause. Legalization is a soft position for many—marijuana seems harmless enough to well-meaning people. However, we must explore and then admit there *are* public safety issues associated with its use, even for medicinal purposes. Many have no idea of the dire consequences of using the drug, so we have asked our friends at Smart Approaches to Marijuana (sam.org) to present their up-to-date research and statistics relating to the increasing use (and other harms created) in states which have legalized marijuana. After reading our article in this month's *Torch*, we hope you will agree marijuana should NOT be legalized. Our culture is already in a tailspin—we certainly don't need to add to the destruction of the family and society, in general.

Since the great Winter Ice Storm of 2021, Texans have been rightly concerned about our electric grid. Will we have brownouts this summer, or worse, will the grid shut down due to the extreme heat in July or August? To conserve energy, ERCOT, the state's power grid operator, recommends: "set your thermostat to 78 degrees or higher; use a clothesline instead of a clothes dryer; avoid the use of large appliances (such as ovens, washing machines, and dryers)," among other suggestions to reduce energy use.

While those ideas may help in the short term, they do not begin to address how we can harden or secure our grid from the severe threats of solar weather and electromagnetic pulse (EMP). This issue of the *Torch* features the takeaways from Senator Bob Hall's recent showing and panel discussion of the new documentary film, *Grid Down, Power Up*, at a seminar in Austin. Sen. Hall's event will give you information on how we can secure our grid and keep the lights and air conditioning on in Texas. Hint: you need to get involved! Go to TexasEagleForum.com for a link to watch the film and panel discussion.

With the May 24th runoff election behind us, campaigns for the November midterm election will soon be in full swing. Conservatives have a chance to make big changes in Congress and in our state government, but they need help in getting elected. Please consider supporting a candidate with your time, talents, and finances and make sure like-minded friends and family are registered to vote. Democrats are eagerly working to make Texas blue—we can't let that happen.

After the Republican State Convention in Houston, June 16–18, we at Texas Eagle Forum will take some time to spend with our families and enjoy the summer. However, be assured we will continue to monitor the political landscape and keep you abreast of any breaking news via our email Alerts. If you are not on our Alert list, please sign up at TexasEagleForum.com.

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So many of you have called or written kind words of encouragement—I can't tell you how much they bless me as I lead this wonderful organization of Christian activists. I am grateful, too, for your prayers and generous financial gifts, which enable TEF to make your voice heard in Austin. We especially appreciate the calls you make to your elected officials when needed.

May God bless you, and God bless Texas!

Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cindi Castilla". The script is cursive and fluid.

Cindi Castilla
President of Texas Eagle Forum

P.S. As I am writing this letter, I am heartbroken at the news of another terrible tragedy involving the murder of innocent people. This time it is children and teachers. The Left immediately wants to make this about guns, others about mental health, but it is clear that the more government leans in to “fix” the problem, the greater the problem becomes. The truth is our Nation, public schools, and government continue to move away from God, so we shouldn't be shocked to see an uptick of pure evil. More God would equal less evil. I pray our nation will get on its knees and invite God back in our lives. Jesus is the only answer to overcoming evil.

“If My people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, forgive their sin, and heal their land.” ~ 2 Chronicles 7:14 (NKJ)