



Lone Star Agenda Coalition of Statewide Leaders

The Honorable Texas Governor Greg Abbott
Austin, Texas 78711

September 12, 2019

RE: Call for a Special Session to Unite and Inspire Texans for 2020

Dear Governor Abbott:

Texas is at a dangerous crossroads. As we grow closer to the critical 2020 election cycle with each passing day, **Republicans are not united.** In fact, the conservative base, sorely disappointed with the legislative session, is only united around the re-election of President Donald Trump.

With straight ticket voting no longer an option for the 2020 General Election, it is imperative that we do all we can to unite conservative independents and Republicans around a message that will save Texas in 2020.

We therefore respectfully request that you call the legislature into a Special Session to **enact a commonsense agenda that will unite all center-right Texans** as we also work to grow our ranks with voter registration.

In the face of increasing division, conservative leaders across Texas have developed **The Lone Star Agenda** to reform important programs, protect what is unique about Texas values, and unite a coalition of common-sense voters we will need in 2020 to ensure that Texas remains on a path towards greater constitutional governance and prosperity. Frankly, Governor, this gives Republican leadership another opportunity to pass the RPT legislative priorities so important to turn out our base.

To date, a strong coalition of 285 grassroots political opinion leaders, organizations, and SRECs from across Texas have signed on to support the Lone Star Agenda. (The supporter list to-date and the Lone Star Agenda Pledge are attached and can also be found on the [Lone Star Agenda website](#).) These political opinion leaders and their organizations influence thousands of Texas voters.

Governor Abbott, we share your oft-stated view that Texas is a special place with special values worth defending. We also share your view that those values continue to face repeated threats by interests from outside our state. ***When Texas is under attack, Texans must stand together and rally around our shared values and core principles.***

We believe, under your leadership, advancing the Lone Star Agenda will unite and inspire everyday Texans heading into a critical election season to stand and fight for Texas. More importantly, we believe **the Lone Star Agenda is simply the right thing to do.**

Texans are hungry for bold colors, not pale pastels.

As grassroots leaders, with decades of steadfast commitment to personal liberty and sound governance, **we have never been more united to fight.**

We look forward to **working with you** to pass the Lone Star Agenda in 2019 as the best path forward to unite and inspire all Texans in advance of the 2020 electoral fight that we will soon face together.

For a strong, free, and prosperous Texas,

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Mark Meckler, President, Convention of States Project
(in support of the Lone Star Agenda)

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Cary Cheshire, Vice President, Texans for Fiscal Responsibility

Jackie Schlegel, Executive Director, Texans for Vaccine Choice

Trayce Bradford, President, Texas Eagle Forum

Tim Lambert, President, Texas Home School Coalition

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Julie McCarty, CEO, True Texas Project

Fred McCarty, President, True Texas Project PAC

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CC: Lt. Governor Dan Patrick

Attachment: Lone Star Agenda Pledge & 285 Signers to date

