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# Hillary Hickland is a Conservative Republican Running for State Representative of House District 55

Common Sense Conservative focused on advocating for strong families and a strong Texas

BELL COUNTY, TX ---

Hillary Hickland of Belton is a ninth generation Texan, wife, and mom of four who is compelled by her faith and service to her community to be a proactive voice for her district in Austin. Her passion for Texans and the future generation led her to effectively advocate for children and families in the regular legislative session. She now shifts her focus to serving in an official capacity as State Representative for District 55 in Bell county prioritizing issues that effect all Texans: border security, education and cost of living.

## **BORDER SECURITY: Keeping Texas Families Safe**

"The crisis at our southern border is the preeminent threat to our state, and resolving it must be our top priority," Hickland states. Lack of border security has given way to a humanitarian crisis that is fueling human trafficking and flooding our state and nation with Fentanyl finding its way into our communities and our schools. The situation at our border leaves Texans in a state of vulnerability and has created an unsustainable burden, without the support of the federal government or cooperation from Mexico. Texas must use every resource available to strengthen border security. Hickland acknowledges the tactical successes of physical barriers, coupled with technology and fortified with skilled servicemen and women. Hickland desires to see the border properly secured and that those efforts are manned, monitored and maintained.

### **EDUCATION: Empowering Parents with Education Freedom**

Education is the great equalizer. Hickland recognizes that the focus of education must be on the best outcome for each individual child. "While our local teachers are the finest in the state, parents must retain the God-given right to choose what is best. No one knows and loves their children better than the parents. We must allow parents to be the decision makers when it comes to their children's future," states Hickland. Because she believes that education is not a one-size fits all model, she is a strong supporter of school choice in the form of Education Savings Accounts. Education savings accounts (ESAs) in K-12 education establish for parents a publicly funded, government-authorized savings account with restricted, but multiple uses for educational purposes. Parents may use the funds to pay for expenses including: school tuition, tutoring, online education programs, therapies for students with special needs, textbooks or other instructional materials, and sometimes, save for college. "Too many of our students are falling behind. They need options and ESA's open the door to limitless opportunities that will customize the best possible outcome for each student regardless of their zip code or financial status" says Hickland.

#### COST OF LIVING: Easing Burdens on Taxpayers Through Fiscal Responsibility

Many Texans are keenly aware of financial burdens that plague their current daily life, struggling to pay bills, purchase homes, or maintain a business. Hickland is committed to cutting spending, further reducing property taxes with the aim of eliminating property taxes all together. She will also seek to remove regulations that hinder free market enterprise and economic freedom.

### **Proven Effective Advocacy**

Hickland's dedication to education is personal and profound. Spurred into action by the discovery of inappropriate books in school libraries, she has been instrumental on the front lines of educational reform. Serving with distinction on the Republican Party of Texas Subcommittee for the Legislative Priority to "Stop Sexualizing Texas Kids," her leadership was pivotal in the passage of HB900 (The READER Act), purging sexually explicit and age-inappropriate content from our children's schools and safeguarding their innocence. She also effectively engaged in the legislative process to outlaw gender modification in minors, protect women's sports and furthering protections for children from sexual performances and online exposure.

Hillary Hickland will take on threats to our family and our state, building off of protections established by those who came before us. "Texas has always been a beacon for individual liberties that come from God. The people of House District 55 deserve strong, principled leaders who will reflect the values of our district and that's why I'm running for State Representative. I would greatly appreciate your vote."

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