



STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

June 10, 2021

Dear Agency Director:

As Governor of Texas, the safety and security of our communities will always remain my top priority, and I am grateful for our shared commitment to ensuring a more secure future for the state of Texas. For months, the Biden Administration has continued to turn a blind eye to the crisis at our U.S. southern border, and as a result the State of Texas has stepped up in the federal government's absence.

In March, I launched Operation Lone Star to surge personnel and resources from the Texas Department of Public Safety and the Texas National Guard to the border. On June 1, I issued a Disaster Declaration for 34 counties near or along the border in order to provide additional resources and strategies to combat the influx of illegal immigrants as well as the rise in criminal activities, including criminal trespassing.

Our efforts to secure the southern border are a significant undertaking, and we must ramp up coordination between the state government and local communities. That is why, under Article 4, Sections 1, 7, and 10 of the Texas Constitution, I am forming the Governor's Task Force on Border and Homeland Security. This task force will analyze and advise on strategies to stem the flow of unlawful immigrants and illegal contraband into Texas and the United States, and I look forward to your participation in this effort.

The Governor's Task Force will meet bi-weekly to discuss current events concerning our southern border, including illegal immigration and criminal activity, and make recommendations based on the strategies and personnel needed to address this ongoing crisis.

The Task Force will consist of representatives from the following state agencies:

- Office of the Governor
- Office of the Attorney General of Texas
- Texas Department of Public Safety
- Texas Division of Emergency Management
- Texas Military Department
- Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
- Texas Commission on Law Enforcement
- Texas Commission on Jail Standards

The Task Force will meet with the Texas Border Sheriffs' Coalition, county judges, mayors, property rights organizations, concerned citizens, and prosecutors who practice in border communities. These meetings will ensure continued communication between state and local government officials, city and county law enforcement, and the public on the current border crisis to ensure that state resources are used where they are needed most urgently.

I am grateful for our partnership with law enforcement and community leaders across the state. Working together, we will address this humanitarian crisis and keep our communities safe.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Abbott".

Greg Abbott
Governor

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