



March 29, 2021

The Honorable Greg Abbott
Governor, State of Texas
P.O. Box 12428
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Dear Governor Abbott:

As Texas business leaders, we know first-hand our businesses are only as strong as the communities where our employees live and our customers are served.

One of the most important tenets of every strong community is a fair, transparent, and accountable system that leads to trust between our public safety officials and the community they serve, protection for our businesses, and the fair treatment of every citizen. If we as a state are to continue attracting companies, business investment, and talent, we must improve our public safety system through a balanced, common-sense approach.

Each of us will remain actively engaged in these discussions, encouraging state lawmakers to write and pass legislation that will create a public safety system that works for everyone – one that focuses on more community engagement, more transparency, more accountability for those officers operating in bad faith, and more support for those officers who serve the community admirably and enforce the law in good faith. We also support increased training and the standards expected of our law enforcement officials.

We are asking for you to partner with us in prioritizing common-sense, sustainable policing standards and practices for our state that will reflect a shared commitment by our police, our communities, and our employees, and lead to ever-increasing trust between our communities and the public safety officials serving them.

You can count on us to remain actively engaged with you and members of the Legislature on this issue until these improvements become law.

Respectfully,

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