

CONCERNED  
WOMEN *for* AMERICA  
OF TEXAS

May 26, 2019

The Honorable Greg Abbott  
P.O. Box 12418  
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Dear Gov. Abbott,

Concerned Women for America of Texas has been actively advocating for conservative Christian values in public policy in Texas for more than thirty years. We have consistently supported officials in both parties who exhibit loyalty to Scriptural principles.

The 2019 Texas legislative session has been a failure in many aspects for the causes we felt were important to our families and homes. The most egregious pieces of legislation, the multiple mental health bills (including the omnibus bill), have illustrated the utter disregard for the concerns of Texans. We abhor the excessive expenditure appropriated for a new bureaucracy designed to escalate definition and control of mental health victims at the expense of Texas families. We have voiced our concerns as we have seen parental controls subjugated to researchers, and excessive new demands placed on our already-pressured public school teachers.

Enough! We ask you to **veto SB 11 and HB 18**. It is of absolutely no comfort to any of us that some of the legislators, whom we have endorsed in the past, laud this legislation. We understand that they are working under the delusion that these bills would diminish or detain would-be school shooters. Mental health is so much more illusive than can be determined by obsessive general screenings and interviews by unconnected strangers. Parents and families know their children better than anyone, and they can determine if they want to seek counseling or mental health interventions when they believe it is best for their children. That's where the concern, the appropriations, and the accommodations must be directed if we are, indeed, to be successful at deterring school violence or any other kind of violence in our communities.

Lawmakers dusting their hands, publicly declaring that they have addressed school violence with these bills, have absolutely no credibility with us. Legislation cannot take away our freedom of determining the best care for our children and our loved ones or take our hard-earned tax dollars, with impunity. My directors have joined me in this letter, and their signatures appear with mine. Also, this letter to you will be posted on our CWA of Texas web page ([tx.cwfa.org](http://tx.cwfa.org)) so that our supporters will feel their voices are being heard in Austin.

It is in the best interest of Texas that we have prayed and will continue to pray for you and ask God to give you success in His assignment for you: the governing of Texas. "When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice." Proverbs 29:2

Sincerely,



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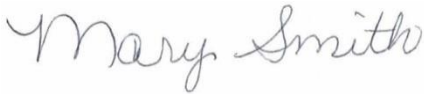
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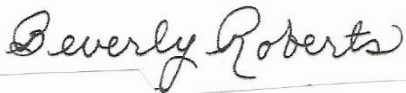
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