

## **National Defense and Foreign Affairs**

Support of Our Armed Forces: The men and women who wear our country's uniform, whether on active duty or in the Reserves or National Guard or Texas State Military are the most important assets in our military arsenal. All current and prior military personnel and their families must have the benefits, healthcare, housing, education, and overall support they need. Injured military personnel deserve the best medical, mental health, and rehabilitative care our country has to offer. Veterans Administration monetary benefits shall match present national price index value in all programs.

Proof of Legal Residency for Public Services: Texas shall require proof of legal residency for obtaining a Texas driver license and enrolling in public school, and shall require proof of citizenship for obtaining voter registration and public benefits.

Gender Roles and Norms in Military: We oppose gender norming in the military. Transgendered persons should not serve in the military as a special class; no special considerations or medical treatment shall be required or offered. We are opposed to expanding Selective Service to include women.

Military Readiness: We support a military force of sufficient strength and readiness to deter any threat to our national sovereignty or to the safety and freedom of our citizens. We oppose placement of US troops under command of the United Nations.

Cybersecurity: As foreign and domestic threats to cybersecurity evolve, the State of Texas must upgrade systems and system security to meet these threats and share threat intelligence data among levels of government. The integrity of our state and local network infrastructure must be maintained.

Defeat Terrorism: We support an aggressive war on terrorism, including radical Islamic terrorists, which consists of cooperating with our allies and sanctioning nations that sponsor terrorists. We support the reasonable use of profiling, the prosecution of national security breaches, and the revision of laws or executive orders that erode our liberties. We call on the federal government to designate the Muslim Brotherhood a foreign terrorist organization, and we call on governmental agencies to avoid and suspend all activities with all radical Islamic organizations, such as the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR).

Designate Drug Cartels as Terrorist Organizations: We strongly support H.R.1700—Drug Cartel Terrorist Designation Act—116th Congress (2019-2020) introduced by Rep Chip Roy that would designate Trans-criminal Crime Organizations (TCO) identified as Drug Cartels as Foreign Terrorist Organizations (FTO) with the intention of enhancing the policing policy related to Drug Cartels. Furthermore, we request that the State of Texas establish a Counter Terrorism Division that could enforce Anti-Terrorist laws to deter the trafficking of drugs, people, and any other illegal activity across our southern border.

Abolish Refugee Resettlement Program: We call for the abolition of the refugee resettlement program.

Amnesty: Any form of amnesty with regard to immigration policy should not be granted, including the granting of legal status to persons in the country illegally. Illegal aliens shall be deported.

### (Border Security and Immigration)

Border Security Funding: We expect both the Texas Legislature and the United States Congress to make a priority of allocating funds to effectively secure the border through whatever means necessary, including but not limited to barriers, a border wall, and/or fence everywhere along the border where it is feasible and useful, as well as personnel and technology over land, sea, and air. Texas shall seek repayment from the Federal Government for expenses incurred in securing the border.

State Self-Defense: We urge the Texas Legislature to invoke Art I, § 10, cl. 3 of the U.S. Constitution, also known as the “State Self-Defense Clause”, which asserts that under an active invasion, the sovereign state of Texas has the authority and duty to defend Texas citizens against “‘imminent Danger’ not admitting delay” by any and all appropriate measures the sovereign state defines as necessary to defend from such assaults. Immediately equip the Texas Military with the necessary tools and authority to serve and protect Texas State territories and citizens.

Interstate Border Compact: We urge the Texas Legislature to establish effective interstate compact(s) with other States for the purpose of securing the U.S. border and enforcing immigration laws.

Eliminate Illegal Immigration Magnets: No tax dollars should be provided for social or educational programs for illegal aliens. All existing laws providing for in-state tuition and nonemergency medical care shall be rescinded. All not verifiable foreign-issued identification cards shall be legally invalid in the United States.

E-Verify: Texas should require all employers to screen new hires through the free E-Verify system to prevent the hiring of illegal aliens and of anyone not legally authorized to work in the US, and to protect jobs for American workers.

Sanctuary Cities: State and federal funds shall be denied to any public or private entity, including but not limited to sanctuary cities, that are not in compliance with immigration laws. Prosecute the responsible elected officials of Sanctuary Cities/Counties/States for obstruction of Immigration Laws.

Immigration System: We demand that state and federal law enforcement officers enforce our immigration laws, implement an entry/exit tracking system for visa holders, and expedite hearings on deporting both violent and non-violent illegal immigrants and visa overstays. Chain migration and the diversity visa lottery should be eliminated. Our legal immigration system should be strictly merit based, and the total number of new immigrants should be limited to a level that facilitates assimilation.

Border Security and Immigration: We urge the implementation of state and federal laws to require that:

- 1.) biometric identity of suspected illegal aliens be compared with a database of biometric identities of current and past suspected illegal aliens before further processing; and
- 2.) a suspected illegal alien whose biometric identity matches biometric identity captured for a prior attempt at illegal entry shall remain in custody and the case expedited as a probable attempt at second or subsequent illegal reentry; and
- 3.) no suspected illegal aliens can be transported across state lines until final determination of immigration status; and
- 4.) additional court resources shall be made available to expedite final determination of immigration status; and
- 5.) Suspected illegal aliens of any age must remain in custody until final determination of their immigration status; and
- 6.) suspected illegal aliens whose final immigration status does not make them known legal residents to the U.S. shall immediately be deported and shall remain in custody until physically removed from the U.S.
- 7.) There shall be no suspected illegal aliens released into the general U.S. public either directly or indirectly.
- 8.) Only persons known to be legal entrants shall be released into the U.S. population.

Implement 287g Program: The Texas Legislature should prioritize legislation to incentivize and encourage the expansion of the 287g program throughout the state.

H-1B Visas: The Republican Party of Texas calls for the permanent end of the H-1B Foreign Worker Visa program in the interest of protecting American jobs, classified technology, and national security.

Aiding and Abetting Illegal Immigrants: We support revoking the 501(c)3 tax exempt status of any organization that breaks state or federal law by knowingly aiding and abetting illegal immigrants. We support disbarring attorneys who knowingly aid and abet illegal immigrants.

National Guard Deployment: Congress shall not abdicate the war powers to the executive branch except when under imminent threat and not to be used as a preemptive strike unless approved by Congress. The Texas National Guard should only be deployed to overseas combat zones under authorization of Congress through a declaration of war.

Texas National Guard Benefit Parity: The legislature shall in the next legislative session provide parity of benefits to the Texas National Guard regardless of whether they are activated under State or Federal Orders. Parity would include but not be limited to the same benefits provided by the Hazelwood Act and also the same benefits as, or equal benefits to, those from the VA that would be provided by Federal Deployment orders.

## (Foreign Affairs)

2020-227 Foreign Policy: We support a foreign policy that relies on peace through strength; putting America first, providing for our national defense and avoiding foreign deployments or entanglements. We support a free-market economy, private humanitarian aid to developing countries, continued favorable treatment of proven allies, censure of adversarial entities that seek destruction of other countries, and strong policy on confronting terrorists. We strongly oppose religious or ethnic cleansing. We oppose US aid to any foreign entity that consistently votes against our interests or is openly hostile to our nation.

No RFIs from Bad Actors: The Office of Economic Development and Tourism does not accept requests for information (RFIs) from companies from those countries that have a poor human rights record and proven corruption, from communist countries or from those countries sanctioned by the US Government.

2020-228 Trade with China: We support a re-examination of our trading relationship with China based on America's economic and foreign policy interests. America should not be dependent on a communist country for critical medical or technological resources, including prescription drugs like penicillin. Critical infrastructure such as Internet or cabling, electrical or power, water facilities, should not be owned by Chinese or communist companies.

2020-229 People's Republic of China Aggression: China's aggression in the South China Sea endangers international trade routes and infringes on allied nations' sovereignty. The cybersecurity threat posed by China continues to grow. We support the people of Hong Kong in their quest for freedom and democracy and call for China to honor its agreements with the United Kingdom.

2020-230 Foreign Aid: We support foreign aid only to America's allies who share our values.

Ukraine: The Republican Party should oppose any ground, sea, air, or space-based US military involvement in defending the Ukrainian border or any other border where there is no specific vital interest to the USA.

2020-231 Iran and North Korea: We oppose development of nuclear weapons by Iran and North Korea, and we oppose easing sanctions on either country until their hostile behavior and nuclear proliferation cease.

2020-232 Israel: We are grateful the US Embassy in Israel has been moved to Jerusalem, Israel's eternal and indivisible capital. We strongly affirm Israel's sovereignty over the Golan Heights. We insist upon Israel's right to exist, right to secure borders, and right to the land secured by practicing self-defense from aggressive enemies. We oppose the creation of a Palestinian state within the historical borders of Israel, as it would jeopardize Israel's security and it would force Israel to give up land that God gave to the Jewish people as referenced in Genesis. We reaffirm our support for Israel's maintaining a qualitative military edge over any and all adversaries through continued support militarily, financially, and technologically. We

respect Israel's rights of sovereignty, self-determination, and self-defense.

2020-233 Oppose BDS: We strongly oppose the anti-Semitic Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement as a form of warfare being waged upon Israel, on all levels, including and especially on college campuses, at the United Nations, and by anti-Western nongovernmental organizations.

2020-234 Taiwan: We call upon the United States to move toward full diplomatic recognition of Taiwan as an independent and sovereign nation and to renew our commitment to defend our security and vital economic interests in the Western Pacific region in the face of China's military provocations, which threaten its neighbors and critical maritime trade routes.

One World: The United States is a sovereign nation founded on the principles of freedom. We reject any assertion of authority over our nation or its citizens from foreign individuals or entities, such as the World Economic Forum, World Health Organization, and the United Nations. We reject the concept of a One World Government, or The Great Reset.

2020-235 United Nations: The United Nations is a detriment to the sovereignty of the United States and other countries, and because of this we support:

- a) The removal of the United Nations from United States soil.
- b) The rejection of all Agenda 21 and Agenda 2030 policies and programs.
- c) The rejection of all related NGOs, councils, and environmental programs.
- d) A zero-budget allotment of American tax dollars to any United Nations programs.
- e) The opposition of any designation of World Heritage Sites in the United States and especially in Texas.
- f) Withdrawal from the UN Arms Trade Treaty.
- g) President Trump's Withdrawal from the corrupt World Health Organization (WHO). and his demand for reforms of that organization.
- h) A credible, impartial, and international investigation into the WHO's and China's actions regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.
- i) Withdrawal from the UN International Baccalaureate Organization. Our withdrawal from the current United Nations.
- j) The rejection of the ratification of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Global Pandemic Treaty: We strongly oppose the adoption of a Global Pandemic Treaty, International

Health Regulations (IHR), or amendments to IHR which would infringe on our national sovereignty.

Taxation by a Foreign Entity: We reject any attempt by to allow the United Nations or any other foreign entity to levy taxes on the United States or its citizens.