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Fellow Public Servant,

Thank you for the time and sacrifice you make daily to improve the lives of parents, students, and teachers in Texas. We are honored to serve them alongside you as members of the Texas House of Representatives.

We were shocked last year that it took the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) almost an entire year to leave the National School Boards Association (NSBA) after it sent an indefensible letter equating parental involvement at school board meetings to "heinous actions" which "could be the equivalent to a form of domestic terrorism" and called on federal law enforcement to potentially target parents. While we appreciate TASB's much delayed decision to finally leave NSBA after over 20 other states – including California – had already left, our concerns about this organization have grown.

This month TASB released new legal guidelines related to transgender policies in schools. This dangerous legal advisory appears to encourage school districts to refrain from reporting child abuse and to obscure information regarding children exhibiting gender dysphoria from their parents. In the guidance, TASB also may be encouraging schools to violate Texas's recent law, the "Save Girls' Sports Act," and allow biological males to participate in girls' sports. We feel duty bound to make sure all elected officials charged with overseeing the education of Texas student are aware of this.

The vast majority of Texas voters support conservative, traditional values – and the rule of law. So, it is of the utmost importance that these hard-working Texans are not forced to fund organizations that work against their values and potentially place their children in harm's way.

## We respectfully ask you do the right thing for the taxpayers who entrust you with the stewardship of their hard-earned money and immediately leave TASB. By remaining in TASB you are forcing their tax dollars to be weaponized against them, their values, and their children.

There is no requirement whatsoever for any school to belong to TASB. There are numerous alternatives that provide the services you currently receive, and we have directed our offices to fully assist you in finding other vendors and to support you in any way possible.

Thank you again for your commitment to public service. We look forward to hearing back from you and to partnering with you on this and many other important issues this legislative session.

For Liberty,

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