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Re: RPT Legislative Priorities

The Legislative Priorities Committee of the State Republican Executive Committee is grateful for your servant leadership and your commitment Republican values. We stand alongside you to advance conservative policies promoting our platform and principles for the good of all Texans.

The Legislative Priorities Committee of the SREC was created to advance the five top issues identified and overwhelmingly approved by delegates at our State Republican Convention this June in San Antonio. These are listed on the attachment and are available online [here](#). A “bullet point” list of them includes:

- Constitutional Carry
- END Taxpayer Funded Lobbying
- Pro-Life
- Abolish Property Tax for Maintenance and Operations of School Districts
- Religious Freedom and Privacy

Our committee is on-hand with both grassroots working groups and Subject Matter Experts assembled to support you on the initiatives above. We stand ready to assist can help you and your staff working through the legislative council with authoring and sponsoring bills related to these priorities, making our SMEs available to you for testimony or analysis.

We invite you to publicly share your support of these five priorities and consider authoring legislation to accomplish part or all of one or more of them.

Thank you for your time and commitment to the values which matter most to Texans. We look forward to the 86th Legislature passing each of them this session!

For Texas,

James Dickey

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Mark Ramsey



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Legislative Priorities

These were adopted at the 2018 RPT Convention for the 2019-2020 biennium. The links for the five priorities below will also take you to detailed information on each, which will be updated throughout the session.

[Constitutional Carry](#)

Pass constitutional carry while maintaining licensing as optional for reciprocity purposes.

[Taxpayer-Funded Lobbying](#)

Pass legislation to abolish all forms of taxpayer-funded lobbying and end the automatic payroll deduction of union dues by the government.

[Abortion](#)

Pass legislation to abolish abortion; including, but not limited to, enacting legislation that would ignore and refuse to enforce any and all federal statutes, regulations, executive orders, and court rulings, which would deprive an unborn child of the right to life, as well as enacting life-saving legislation such as PreNDA or a “heartbeat bill.”

[Property Tax](#)

Abolish the Maintenance and Operation School property tax and replace it with a consumption tax or other mechanism other than income tax while broadening the tax base, eliminating the appraisal board and taxing the property at the purchased value or the free market value upon change of hands for local government funding and special district funding. School Maintenance and Operation funds shall be allocated from the state's general fund to Texas' Independent School Districts via an inflation-adjusted, per-student-allocation.

[Religious Freedom and Privacy](#)

Pass legislation prohibiting the violation of the rights and freedoms of individuals, organizations and businesses, to exercise their sincerely held religious beliefs by local ordinances or state laws; and pass legislation that protects the privacy and safety of women and children in multi-use facilities such as bathrooms, locker rooms and showers in all Texas schools and government buildings and oppose legislation that would undermine these privacy and safety protections.