

Texas Second Amendment Sovereignty & Family Protection Act

"2A on Steroids"

Protect Your Family Anywhere, Anytime

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Ready Day 1. No Apologies. No Excuses.

Texas already leads the nation with constitutional carry. As your next Governor, I will **supercharge the Second Amendment** so every law-abiding Texan can protect their family anywhere, anytime — without unnecessary government interference or infringement from Austin or Washington, D.C.

We don't apologize for the God-given right to keep and bear arms. We defend it. We expand it. We harden our targets and arm the good guys. More responsible armed citizens means criminals think twice — and Texas families sleep safer.

Six Bold Reforms to Reclaim 1836 Freedom:

1. Lower the Constitutional Carry Age to 18

Law-abiding 18-year-olds can already buy long guns like AR and AK platforms, serve in the military defending Texas and America, and — thanks to recent court rulings — often carry handguns without prosecution based on age alone. There is **no logical reason** to treat them as second-class citizens too immature to defend themselves. If they're old enough to fight for Texas, they're old enough to protect their family. This reform codifies and strengthens that right statewide for non-prohibited persons.

2. Strengthen Stand Your Ground & Self-Defense Protections ("Texas Defender's Shield")

Clear statutory presumption of reasonableness for anyone lawfully carrying when facing imminent threat of death, serious bodily injury, or other violent crime. Full civil immunity from lawsuits, mandatory recovery of all attorney's fees and costs for justified self-defense, and enhanced penalties for bad-faith or frivolous suits against defenders. No more punishing good guys while criminals walk free. We stand your ground — period.

3. Harden Soft Targets — Especially Schools and Churches

Every Texas public school must have **hardcore bulletproof and entry-resistant** front doors, windows, and entranceways, funded through robust state matching grants with strict accountability and compliance audits. Physical hardening comes first — no one should simply walk into a school to cause harm.

Long-rifle attacks remain the primary threat in these tragedies. Only trained, authorized security personnel (school marshals, resource officers, or carefully vetted guardians) may carry long guns on campus. Law-abiding adults exercising constitutional carry or LTC rights can and should protect themselves and their families in public spaces, but schools become true fortresses with professional armed defenders inside.

Churches and places of worship are private property — pastors and congregations decide who carries, not bureaucrats in Austin. After Sutherland Springs, many already welcome armed protectors. We remove every state barrier that disarms the faithful and shield good-faith decisions from liability.

4. End Secret Disarmament on Private Property Open to the Public

Require clear, conspicuous posting (strengthening Texas's existing 30.06/30.07 standards) for any business or property to ban constitutional carry. No hidden or ambiguous "gun-free zones" that trap law-abiding Texans. Property rights respected — but with full transparency so citizens know when their rights are being restricted.

5. Harmonize with the **Cultivate Texas Act — Protect Our Veterans & Responsible Adults**

No veteran, active-duty or retired military member, law enforcement officer, or responsible adult following state-legal cannabis laws under the **Cultivate Texas Act** will lose their carry or ownership rights solely because of that compliance. Texas rejects federal traps that disarm those who serve and protect us. Full state-level sovereignty protections for our heroes.

6. Relief from Outdated Federal Infringements on Common Tools

Texas will lead the charge against unnecessary restrictions on suppressors (hearing protection), short-barreled rifles, and other common self-defense and sporting tools. We assert state sovereignty and support practical relief so law-abiding Texans aren't treated like criminals for exercising their rights.

Tough on Criminals, Not on Citizens

Harsher mandatory penalties for felons and criminals who illegally possess, carry, or use firearms in the commission of a crime. Texas will aggressively recognize valid out-of-state permits and lead nationwide efforts for constitutional carry reciprocity. We will assert Texas sovereignty against all federal overreach targeting law-abiding gun owners.

Average Texans do not feel safe enough in public. They want the ability to protect themselves and their families — citizens over mandates, self-reliance over bureaucracy.

This platform **pairs perfectly** with the **Cultivate Texas Act**: responsible cannabis reform that delivers tax relief, empowers Texas farmers and veterans, enhances water security, and includes ironclad state-level **2A protections**.

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“Cultivating A Better Texas”

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