



August 12, 2024

The State Fair of Texas Board of Directors

Attn: Bruce Sifford, Board Chair

925 S. Haskell

Dallas, TX 75223

We, the undersigned, write to you today, encouraging you to rescind your policy which bans law-abiding citizens from carrying firearms at the State Fair of Texas. While it may be that your new policy placates some, the result will make your patrons *less* safe.

We bring to your attention a few key statistics to support this position:

- **82% of mass public shooting since 1998, and 94% since 1950, have occurred in places where guns are banned.¹**
- **Armed civilians have stopped attacks in 35% of "mass shootings" in "gun free" zones. When you exclude "gun free" zones from that statistic, the number balloons to over 51% of mass shootings were stopped by an armed civilian.²**

Gun free zones are magnets for crime because they present less of a threat to those who seek to do evil. Law-abiding citizens in the United States use firearms daily to defend themselves against criminals. Recent tragedies have demonstrated the sad reality that you can die while waiting on law enforcement to save your life --- Those who choose to assume responsibility for their own safety understand this harsh reality

The State Fair of Texas claims to be a "celebration of all things Texas," yet this new policy is anything but a celebration of Texas.

¹ [Updated information on Mass Public Shootings from 1998 through October 2023 \(crimeresearch.org\)](https://crimeresearch.org)

² <https://crimeresearch.org/2024/07/massive-errors-in-fbis-active-shooting-reports-from-2014-2023-regarding-cases-where-civilians-stop-attacks-instead-of-4-the-correct-number-is-at-least-35-excluding-gun-free-zones-it-avera/>

The Texas Legislature has repeatedly enhanced Texans' Second Amendment Rights, but your actions raise questions about the need for legislation next Session to further protect these rights on lands managed by the public.

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss our opposition to this policy further, please do not hesitate to contact any of our offices.

Respectfully,



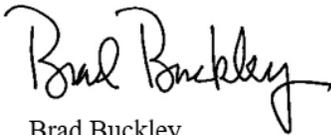
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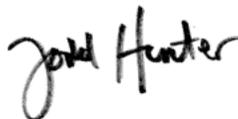
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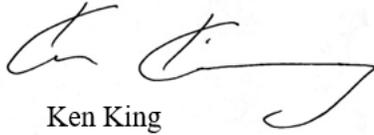
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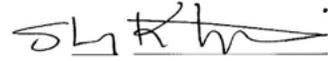
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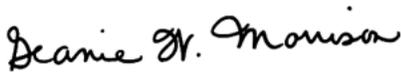
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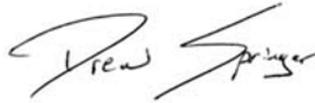
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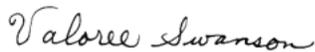
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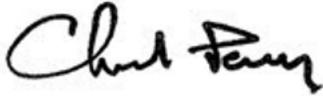
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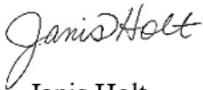
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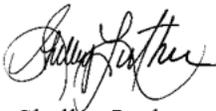
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*signatures as of 8/12/24 @ noon; others will be added as received