



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

August 25, 2021

Ms. Patsy Spaw  
Secretary of the Senate  
State Capitol Room, 2E.22  
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Ms. Spaw:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 8, and Article III, Section 40, of the Texas Constitution and under his power as Governor of the State of Texas, Greg Abbott is submitting a message to the senate containing an additional matter for consideration by the Second Called Session of the 87th Legislature, now gathered.

A copy of the governor's message to the senate is attached to this letter of transmittal.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "GSD" followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Gregory S. Davidson  
Executive Clerk to the Governor

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Attachments



STATE OF TEXAS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

MESSAGE

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**TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-SEVENTH TEXAS LEGISLATURE, SECOND CALLED SESSION:**

WHEREAS, the people of Texas through their state constitution have placed in the hands of the governor the power to call and set the agenda for special sessions of the legislature; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a gubernatorial proclamation issued on August 5, 2021, the members of the 87th Texas Legislature have convened in a Second Called Session to consider the initial list of subjects presented to them in the proclamation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GREG ABBOTT, Governor of the State of Texas, by the authority vested in me by Article III, Section 40, and Article IV, Section 8, of the Texas Constitution, do hereby present the following additional subjects to the 87th Texas Legislature, Second Called Session, for consideration:

Legislation regarding whether any state or local governmental entities in Texas can mandate that an individual receive a COVID-19 vaccine and, if so, what exemptions should apply to such mandate.

Such other subjects as may be submitted by the Governor from time to time after the session convenes.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Abbott".

GREG ABBOTT  
Governor

Austin, Texas  
August 25, 2021