



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

June 1, 2022

The Honorable Dan Patrick  
Lieutenant Governor of Texas  
P.O. Box 2910  
Austin, Texas 78711

The Honorable Dade Phelan  
Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives  
P.O. Box 2910  
Austin, Texas 78768

Dear Governor Patrick and Speaker Phelan:

As Texans mourn the tragedy that occurred at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde last week, we as a State must reassess the twin issues of school safety and mass violence. As leaders, we must come together at this time to provide solutions to protect all Texans.

Accordingly, I hereby request that each of you convene a special legislative committee. I request that these committees review what steps previous legislatures have enacted, what resources the State has made available to local school districts, and make recommendations to the Legislature and the Executive Branch so that meaningful action can be made on, among other things, the following topics to prevent future school shootings:

- School safety
- Mental health
- Social media
- Police training
- Firearm safety

It is important to begin the process immediately. In the meantime, the Texas Rangers and the Federal Bureau of Investigation will continue to thoroughly investigate every aspect of this heinous crime, as well as the response to it. The details of those investigations will be provided to you as soon as they are available.

I look forward to working with you both on this important mission to make Texas safer, and I stand ready to provide any and all support.

Sincerely,

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

Greg Abbott  
Governor