

Texas Grassroots Coalition for Annexation Reform Request for Special Session Call

**DEFEND & PROTECT PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS -
NO ANNEXATION WITHOUT CONSENT**

The Honorable Greg Abbott
Governor, State of Texas

June 5, 2017

Dear Governor Abbott:

Texans have fought and died for our sacred property rights. **No city should be allowed to take them away by force!**

We strongly agree with the following message by SB 715 author Senator Donna Campbell:

“At the end of the 85th Legislature, a filibuster thwarted the will of the people and denied Texas citizens the right to vote as part of the municipal annexation process. This is not the way Texas government is supposed to work. Forced annexation is a form of taxation without representation, and it leaves Texans who choose to live outside our cities vulnerable to California-like ordinances and big city taxes.

SB 715, or the Texas Annexation Right to Vote Act, would guarantee a citizen's right to vote when their property is targeted by cities for annexation. Versions of SB 715 overwhelmingly passed the House and were on the verge of passing the Senate, when one senator decided to impose his will on all Texans. As a result, hundreds of thousands of Texas citizens are now left voiceless to determine who governs them.

We must protect Texas citizens from government overreach at both the local and federal level. Guaranteeing Texans a voice in the annexation process will make our local governments more accountable and limit their appetite to tax, spend, and expand with no end in sight. The will of the people cannot be denied.”

We agree with Senator Campbell on this. We respectfully request that you include annexation reform in your call for an 85th special session.

Sincerely,

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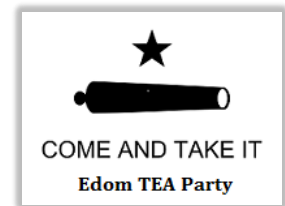
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