



**KEN PAXTON**  
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS

April 26, 2023

Dear Attorney General Paxton,

With gratitude toward you and your leadership, pride for what we've accomplished, and some sadness in the knowledge that our chapter has come to a close, I hereby submit my resignation as Deputy Attorney General for Legal Strategy effective May 12, 2023.

Serving under you and alongside some of the best people I know for over two and a half years has been an honor and adventure. We've done great, patriotic work together, and I'm thankful to you for letting me provide a helping hand. Together we've sued the Biden Administration nearly 50 times since January 2021 and secured an 80% win rate fighting the nation's most consequential legal battles. We've reinvigorated federalism. And we've held the line against the lawless federal government's worst excesses.

Together we've done our part to secure the Texas-Mexico border, successfully curbing Biden's efforts to halt deportations, dissolve the Remain-in-Mexico program, end border wall construction, abuse parole and asylum law, and flood the nation with illegal aliens.

Together we've defended against the menace of Big Tech through history's largest antitrust and consumer protection lawsuits. We've investigated entities that push harmful content on our nation's youth and demanded answers from those who erode the First Amendment by canceling conservative voices.

Together we've pushed back against woke corporations by thwarting their Environmental, Social, and Governance agenda, and we've held accountable Wall Street and Silicon Valley interests that want to destroy the Second Amendment and Texas's oil and gas industry.

Together we've protected precious unborn children by defending Texas's pro-life laws and blocking the Biden Administration's attempts to undermine the U.S. Supreme Court's historic *Dobbs* decision.

Together we've safeguarded the integrity of the ballot box by remaining ever vigilant against the left's attempts to corrupt Texas elections in 2020 and 2022, as well as by giving the public more power to hold crooked elections administrators accountable through increased transparency.

Together we've resisted radical LGBTQ activists' attempts to push their sexual agenda on kids, declaring with legal and moral clarity that all efforts to "trans" Texas youth are, in fact, child abuse under state law.

Together we've shown the whole country that you are the most effective Attorney General in America, and that you're a man—a good and decent man—who will always stand by Law and Order, the Constitution, and Truth.

We'll keep fighting this war together. But now it's my time to fight it on a different front.

Thank you for the opportunity you've given me. Thank you for your friendship and mentorship too. God bless you, my colleagues on the executive team, and all the wonderful men and women who serve you and Texas in the Office of the Attorney General.

Most respectfully,  
Aaron F. Reitz