

# Libertarian for Governor: Don't harass truckers . . . . .

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Mark Tippetts, Libertarian nominee for Texas Governor, criticizes Greg Abbott's border inspection policy as a "harmful political stunt," and calls for freer trade, ending the war on drugs, and for making immigration from Latin America easier.

Last week, Texas Governor Greg Abbott ordered increased inspections of trucks entering Texas, causing massive pileups of trucks with critical supplies for businesses in Texas and beyond. The inspections were allegedly to look for illegal immigrants, drugs, and other contraband. Later, he reversed some of the measures after complaints from businesses and damages reported to cost in the hundreds of millions.

"Governor Abbott's border inspections are a bad policy that hurts both Texas and Mexico, and shows Abbott is more interested in punishing people for political gain than allowing them to improve their lives, and the lives of others," said Tippetts.

Tippetts continued, "Instead of wasting money searching for drugs, we should end the hopeless war on drugs and allow drug abuse to be treated like a disease. Instead of busing immigrants to Washington, D.C., I'd lobby D.C. to make it easier for Mexicans to come to America legally to live, work, and in some cases to join our great nation as American citizens.

"Today it's almost impossible to immigrate legally unless you're a high-tech worker and already have close connections. The process is insanely complicated. It can cost tens of thousands of dollars, and can take decades. In contrast, it only takes a few days and a few thousand dollars to pay a smuggler to get you in. That's why many people choose the illegal method over the legal method. And the vast majority of people who come here illegally don't want to hurt anyone. They just want to work: build homes, work in restaurants, and make a living for themselves and their families.

"We need more workers in Texas. Abbott's bad policy, on top of the federal government's bad policies, is just idiotic.

"Abbott wants to build walls, put our military on the Mexican border to keep people out, and set up checkpoints throughout Texas causing massive delays on highways that Texans use on a daily basis.

"Not me. That's not freedom. That's not liberty. Government should protect the liberty of all people, not take it away.

"When elected Texas Governor, I will work with other governors, Congress, and the President to make it easier to immigrate to the U.S. legally. Instead of seeing foreigners as a problem, we should welcome them as potential friends, business partners, and customers."

Mark Tippetts is the Libertarian Party's nominee for Texas Governor. He was born in Mexico and is a bilingual legal & business consultant for businesses and individuals doing business with Mexico and Latin America.



# Mother's against Greg Abbot

April 14 Austin Press release, Mothers Against Greg Abbott PAC

After Texas Governor Greg Abbott signed an executive order banning face masks in schools last summer, one woman showed up at the Texas Capitol with her handwritten "Mothers Against Greg Abbott" sign, determined to make a change. That day in August 2021 was the beginning of a movement – Mothers Against Greg Abbott – with 30K women and men who know that Texas needs leadership that is focused on making lives better for all Texans; leadership that supports communities and families, instead of turning us against each other. This movement includes Democrats, Moderate Republicans and Independents who are passionate about public education, reading books – not banning them, teaching our multi-cultural history honestly and accurately, and supporting all children. According to a recent UT/Texas Politics Project poll, most respondents agree that Texas is on the wrong track.

Mothers Against Greg Abbott has rolled out its political action committee (PAC) with a mission to drive change that Texas families want. "There is so much that could be done to improve the lives of Texans, but instead Republican leadership in this state is turning us against each other" said Nancy Thompson, founder of Mothers Against Greg Abbott. "We were abandoned in the Texas freeze and abandoned again when it came to protecting our kids and family from COVID. We deserve better than Greg Abbott and those that he surrounds himself with," she added. The PAC is focused on removing extreme Republicans from office starting with Greg Abbott, Dan Patrick, and Ken Paxton.

To that end, Mothers Against Greg Abbott is releasing its first ad called, Breaking Bread. "Neighbors who watched their children grow up together are no longer speaking because the political environment has gotten so toxic," Thompson said. "This ad cuts through the political noise and focuses on those things we all can agree on – keeping our children safe and healthy, providing for our families, and working together for our communities. It's about getting back to basics so we can build a better future for our children," she added. The ad is being released across social media with a goal of mobilizing Mothers Against Greg Abbott.

Mothers Against Greg Abbot is a group of Texas mothers, fathers, uncles, aunts, and grandparents who want change for Texas Families. We are a diverse group of Texans who are a mix of Democrats, Moderate Republicans, and Independents ready to work together for change in Texas. While we don't agree on every topic, we all agree that we need change in Texas in 2022 if we want Texas families and communities to thrive again.

# Slash your property tax with PropertyAxe

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- Only 17% of property owners protest their property taxes in Texas each year
- Texas set for record property tax increase of 20-35% in 2022
- For \$49 annually, property owners can use the PropertyAxe website to protest their home's property taxes themselves.
- Technology developed by Geekdom co-founder, Nick Longo & Geekdom members

San Antonio-based PropertyAxe is changing the way homeowners save on their property taxes. Utilizing its proprietary technology, PropertyAxe allows property owners to protest their property taxes online in 10 minutes with just a few simple button clicks, all for just \$49 a year -- one-tenth of the cost of a traditional protest with a company!

The brainchild of Geekdom co-founder, Nick Longo, PropertyAxe allows Texas property owners to easily compare unequal property values in their surrounding area, compile an evidence report, file a 2-minute protest form, and manage the protest process. PropertyAxe users can even file for family and friends, all from one account for only \$20/per home each.

"We're here to save property owners money," said Longo. "People are going to be shocked when they receive their 2022 property tax appraisals. They are looking at 20-35% increases from last year. This especially hurts renters as well, as rental property owners will likely pass these costs onto tenants. Our software allows people to skip the red tape and make their voices heard."

With 50 counties available through the PropertyAxe software today, including some of Texas' largest counties – like Travis and Bexar --- and more being added every day, PropertyAxe can help Texas residents in nearly any region of the state. The database currently lists over 10 million properties statewide.

"This is a game-changer for the 83% of residents who don't protest their taxes because they don't know they can, don't know how, or don't want to deal with the bureaucracy," Longo added. "We are putting the power back in the hands of the property owner, which is how it should be."

Rackspace and Geekdom co-founder, Graham Weston, offered his thoughts on PropertyAxe and its positive impact on Texas homeowners.

"It's great to see Geekdom members and our co-founder Nick Longo working together on real-world problems that affect homeowners in San Antonio and all of Texas," said Weston.

He added, "Creating online software like PropertyAxe.com makes it faster and easier to protest your property taxes and could not have come at a better time as home prices have risen 10%-50% this year in Texas."

To file your protest or inquire about real estate pro accounts, visit [www.propertyaxe.com](http://www.propertyaxe.com) or email - [info@propertyaxe.com](mailto:info@propertyaxe.com)

About PropertyAxe: PropertyAxe is the property owner's one-stop shop for protesting property taxes. Using proprietary technology, PropertyAxe allows property owners to locate their property quickly, build comparisons, compile evidence reports, store property photos, and file and manage protest filings. At a cost of just one-tenth of traditional property tax protests, PropertyAxe saves users time and money. To get started visit [www.propertyaxe.com](http://www.propertyaxe.com)

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