



For many years, Texans have enjoyed a mutually beneficial relationship with Texas farmers and ranchers. Texans have long supported policies that empower farming and ranching. In return, Texas ag producers have been able to continue producing food and fiber for our state and nation.

During this legislative session, I successfully passed historic legislation, including a constitutional amendment aimed at safeguarding farmers and ranchers from excessive regulations imposed by local governments. This was necessary because certain municipalities had been enacting ordinances and zoning restrictions that limited or even prohibited the use of undeveloped land for agricultural purposes. Consequently, these actions led to a loss of open-space land that can be used for agriculture.

While the legislation I championed will provide statutory protections for the agricultural use of land, we now have an opportunity to enshrine these safeguards in the Texas Constitution. By doing so, we can more effectively defend the right to farm and ranch, especially as our state becomes increasingly urbanized and local officials, who may lack understanding of agriculture, prioritize tax revenue over agricultural needs.

However, in order to secure constitutional protection, we must ensure that the proposed constitutional amendment passes on the ballot in November. Some may wonder, "Why would anyone oppose the right to farm and ranch?" The unfortunate truth is that certain individuals and interest groups have their own agendas and seek to dictate how farmers and ranchers produce our food and fiber. Among them are well-funded animal rights groups that aim to abolish all forms of animal agriculture. They view this constitutional amendment as an obstacle to achieving their goals.

Similar constitutional amendments faced significant opposition in Missouri and Oklahoma, with the former passing by a margin of only 3,000 votes and the latter being resoundingly defeated. We must be prepared in case these groups launch an attack on Texas's constitutional right to farm and ranch. My objective is to raise \$2 million for this campaign to ensure that we are adequately equipped to protect these rights.

The agricultural community is in need of support for our cause, and now we need our friends to join the fight. I implore you to recognize the benefits of safeguarding the right to farm and ranch for our state and your business. Please consider making a donation to the RIGHT2FARM Texas PAC to assist us in this endeavor. More information can be found at [Right2FarmTexas.com](http://Right2FarmTexas.com).

Thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "DeWayne Burns". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

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