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Governor Greg Abbott, State of Texas Office of the Governor P.O. Box 12428 Austin, Texas 78711-2428 via email form

Dear Governor Abbott,

I am asking that you issue an executive order enforcing your authority to make city councils and mayors, county commissioners and judges, school boards and superintendents to cease and desist from issuing orders to close or impede or limit the operation of any business, school, hospital, or any other public or private establishment. Also I am asking that the order include a prohibition on any kind of order requiring the wearing of masks in public or commercial establishments of any kind.

All of the authority for the whole "State of Texas" comes from only two sources namely Article 1 Section 2 and Article 16 Section 48 both of which rest upon the same natural self-evident law of delegated authority of the citizens of Texas. This natural law of delegated authority says: "No one can delegate to another more authority than they hold in themselves." Article 1 Section 2 says the same:

"All political power is inherent in the people, and all free governments are founded on their authority, and instituted for their benefit. The faith of the people of Texas stands pledged to the preservation of a republican form of government, and, subject to this limitation only, they have at all times the inalienable right to alter, reform or abolish their government in such manner as they may think expedient."

Many people do not understand this provision and think the term people means the group or whole citizenry and not any one individual, but this cannot be as I will illustrate with a quote from John Locke's *Second Treatise of Government 1689* from which all of the American understanding of human liberty is derived according to Thomas Jefferson:

"Though the *Legislative*, whether placed in one or more, whether it be always in being, or only by intervals, tho' it be the *Supream* Power in every Commonwealth; yet, *First*, It is *not*, nor can possibly be absolutely *Arbitrary* over the Lives and Fortunes of the People. For it being but the joint power of every Member of the Society given up to that Person, or Assembly, which is Legislator, it can be no more than those persons had in a State of Nature before they enter'd into Society, and gave up to the Community. For no Body can transfer to another more power than he has in himself; and no Body has an absolute Arbitrary Power over himself, or over any other, to destroy his own

life, or take away the Life or Property of another....Their Power (Legislative) in the utmost Bounds of it, is limited to the publick good of the Society. It is a Power, that hath no other end but the preservation, and therefore can never have a right to destroy, enslave, or designedly to impoverish the Subjects."

Notice the mention of "every Member" that means the individual. And if the individual does not have authority for some action the government of Texas can never acquire it as the individual cannot delegate to government what they do not possess. The mere joining in a group or forming a state does not increase the authority of an individual or of the state. The state is always limited in authority to that which each individual holds in themselves.

I can stay home, wear a mask at all times, close my business, operate my business at less than capacity, stay six feet from all others, stay away from groups of 10 or more etc., etc. but I have no authority to tell my neighbor to do any of those things. Therefore I cannot delegate such authority to the state, hence neither the state nor any of its branches or subdivisions have such authority. And the exercise of such power without authority is tyranny by definition. Therefore I am requesting that you issue an executive order that all those in public office stop issuing and enforcing tyrannical actions immediately.

Further, I am requesting the executive order to immediately enforce any individuals right to follow any Covid-19 recommendations but also equally enforce any individuals right to disregard any or all the Covid-19 recommendations as none of them have the authority of Texas derived from the individual or the people necessary under Article 1 Section 2.

The only other source of authority for the State of Texas is Article 16 Section 48:

"All laws and parts of laws now in force in the State of Texas, which are not repugnant to the Constitution of the United States, or to this Constitution, shall continue and remain in force as the laws of this State, until they expire by their own limitation or shall be amended or repealed by the Legislature."

That means all the common law that existed prior to the 1876 Constitution be adopted if it is not repugnant to the US Constitution or the Texas Constitution. But here also we run into the fact that the applicable preexisting common law acknowledged the natural self-evident law of delegated authority and same is not repugnant to either constitution but is reflected in both. The US Constitution in Article IV preserves a republican form of government mentioned in Article 1 Section 2 based upon the principle of delegated authority not a democracy or eventocracy ruled by mere popular vote, events or emergencies, real or media contrived hysteria. The authority for the Republic of Texas comes from each individual at all times and not from events and emergencies. Texas is not an eventocracy but a republic.

I must also call your attention to the fact that all these Covid-19 restrictions are harmful to the individuals and people of Texas and the people are told incessantly that these restrictions will not be lifted until they submit to a regimen of vaccines and a digital implant of some kind. The use of harm, real, threatened or pretended, to alter public

¹ John Locke, Two Treatises of Government 1689, ed. Peter Laslett (Cambridge University Press, 40TH West 20th Street, New York, NY 10011-4211, USA) 2ND T ¶ 135 p 357

policy or law is terrorism by definition. And since it is conducted by the State of Texas it is State Terrorism. If there was ever a time in the history of Texas that the people have a God given right to abolish the present State of Texas and establish a new one more to their liking it is now under the tyrannical, terroristic Covid-19 Restrictions.

Please save the people of Texas from tyranny and state terrorism by issuing a new executive order which stops all these Covid-19 crimes and retard the justified will of the people to exercise their authority to create a new state that will protect their property.

Sincerely Yours,

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